
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that while basic
2 department of Hawaiian home lands applicant waiting lists are
3 available for download on the department's website, the exact
4 details of each applicant, including whether the person has
5 applied for multiple leases, been denied a prior lease, or been
6 skipped over, is not readily accessible, even for department
7 staff. Beneficiary records of the department of Hawaiian home
8 lands are spread across multiple locations. If a beneficiary
9 seeks to determine his or her status, finding and gathering that
10 information can take weeks. This lack of organization has led
11 to some lessees abusing the program by selling or transferring
12 their leases and reapplying for a subsequent lease.

13 The legislature further finds that compiling applicant
14 information into a single database will help increase the
15 efficiency of the department of Hawaiian home lands and reduce
16 lease award abuse by lessees.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
2 Hawaiian home lands to digitize its beneficiary waiting lists
3 and other related data.

4 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the
5 assistance of the office of enterprise technology services,
6 shall create a digital database of its applicant, beneficiary,
7 and lessee records. The database shall contain relevant
8 information on each individual's homestead lease application
9 status, number of applications, address, number of denied
10 leases, designated successors, history of whether the individual
11 obtained a lease as an applicant or as a successor, and other
12 information as determined by the Hawaiian homes commission.

13 The digital database required by this Act shall be
14 completed and available for use by the department of Hawaiian
15 home lands no later than July 1, 2020.

16 SECTION 3. The department of Hawaiian home lands shall use
17 funds from its operating budget, program ID HHL625, in addition
18 to funds appropriated in this Act, to create the digital
19 database required by this Act.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2020-2021 for the department of Hawaiian home lands to create a
4 digital database pursuant to this Act.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
6 of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DHHL; Beneficiary Information; Database; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records and create a usable digital database no later than July 1, 2020. Appropriates funds.

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