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# 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 land 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.

8           In addition, beneficiary records of the department of  
9 Hawaiian home lands are spread across multiple locations. If a  
10 beneficiary seeks to determine their status, finding and  
11 gathering that information can take weeks. This lack of  
12 organization has led to some lessees abusing the program by  
13 selling or transferring their leases and reapplying for a  
14 subsequent lease.

15           The legislature further finds that compiling applicant  
16 information into a single database will help increase the



1 efficiency of the department of Hawaiian home lands and reduce  
2 lease award abuse by lessees.

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

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

15 The digital database required by this Act shall be  
16 completed and available for use by the department of Hawaiian  
17 home lands no later than July 1, 2022.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.



# H.B. NO. 545 H.D. 1

**Report Title:**

DHHL; Beneficiary Information; Database

**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 7/1/2022. Effective 7/1/2060.  
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