
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES.

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, are 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.

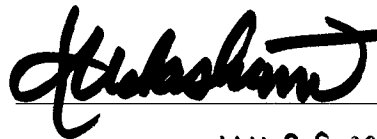
4 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the
5 assistance of the office of enterprise technology services,
6 shall create a digital database of its applicant, beneficiary,
7 and lessee records. The database shall contain relevant
8 information on each individual's homestead lease application
9 status, number of applications, address, number of denied
10 leases, designated successors, history of obtaining leases as an
11 applicant or as a successor, and other information as determined
12 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, 2022.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

DHHL; Beneficiary List; Database

Description:

Requires the department of Hawaiian home lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. Requires that the digital database be completed and available for use no later than July 1, 2022.

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