
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§91- Interim rulemaking authority for the regulation of
5 matters concerning the department of Hawaiian home lands. (a)
6 Notwithstanding any other law in this chapter to the contrary,
7 the department of Hawaiian home lands may issue interim rules
8 after beneficiary consultation as defined in section 10-4-60,
9 Hawaii Administrative Rules, and upon approval by the Hawaiian
10 homes commission.

11 (b) The interim rules shall be effective for no more than
12 eighteen months from the date the interim rules take effect.

13 (c) The interim rules shall be exempt from the public
14 notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval requirements
15 of this chapter."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Interim rules

Description:

Allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands after beneficiary consultation and upon approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission to issue interim rules that shall be exempt from the public notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval requirements of chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The interim rules shall be effective for not more than eighteen months.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaiian Home Lands

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

PURPOSE: To allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands after beneficiary consultation and upon approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission to issue interim rules that shall be exempt from the public notice, public hearing, and gubernatorial approval requirements of chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The interim rules shall not be effective for more than eighteen months.

MEANS: Add a new section to chapter 91, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is currently authorized to adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91, HRS, which can be a lengthy process given that the Department conducts beneficiary consultation pursuant to its administrative rules prior to initiating the rule making process. This new section will enable the Department to move quickly in issuing interim rules after beneficiary consultation and upon approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission on important programs and services. The eighteen-month limitation on the life of the interim rules will ensure that the Department has adequate time to adopt permanent rules through formal rulemaking procedures.

Impact on the public: This bill advances the interest of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, by allowing the Department to issue interim rules on important programs and services that can be implemented soon after beneficiary consultation and upon approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Interim rules will allow the Department to better serve its beneficiaries.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: HHL 625.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.