
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2019,
2 approximately 28,500 native Hawaiian adults were on the
3 department of Hawaiian home lands application waiting list for
4 residential, farming, or ranching homesteads. The homelessness
5 crisis in Hawaii is already serious, with Hawaii ranking third
6 in the country among states with the most homeless people per
7 ten thousand residents in 2020. The waiting list backlog
8 exacerbates this crisis that already disproportionately affects
9 native Hawaiians.

10 The legislature further finds that even at the end of 2021,
11 the number of native Hawaiians on the waiting list has not
12 significantly decreased despite plans to develop more Hawaiian
13 home lands lots. To date, more than two thousand native
14 Hawaiian beneficiaries have died while on the waiting list.
15 Furthermore, due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, those
16 on the waiting list who are not homeless are struggling to pay
17 rent to the extent where a federal government stimulus package



1 offered relief specifically for native Hawaiians on the waiting
2 list for homestead leases. The department of Hawaiian home
3 lands must ameliorate this situation.

4 The legislature also finds that according to the department
5 of Hawaiian home lands 2020 Beneficiaries Study Applicant
6 Report, seventy-six per cent of department of Hawaiian home
7 lands applicants on the waiting list would prefer a lot with a
8 single-family home or vacant lot for a house, while sixteen per
9 cent would like a rental single-family home, duplex, apartment,
10 or townhouse, with the option to buy.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
12 Hawaiian home lands to address the housing requirements of those
13 applicants on the department's waiting list by developing a
14 strategic plan to address those applicants with a preference for
15 a single-family home or vacant lots and those applicants with a
16 preference for rental housing, including apartment units and
17 rent-with-option-to-buy housing units.

18 SECTION 2. (a) The department of Hawaiian home lands
19 shall develop a strategic plan to meet the following applicant
20 preferences:



(1) Seventy-six per cent of individuals on the department of Hawaiian home lands waiting list who prefer a lot with a single-family home or a vacant lot for a house; and

(2) Sixteen per cent of individuals on the department of Hawaiian home lands waiting list who prefer to rent or rent-to-own a single-family home, duplex, apartment, or townhouse, with the option to buy in the future.

(b) The strategic plan shall be divided by county and include recommended waiting list policies detailing when homeowner-applicants receive mortgage or down payment assistance from the department of Hawaiian home lands and renter-applicants opt to live in rental housing developed by the department of Hawaiian home lands.

(c) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall submit the strategic plan, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than December 10, 2022.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2222.



Report Title:

DHHL; Strategic Plan; Housing Preferences; Beneficiaries;
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Description:

Requires DHHL to develop a strategic plan to meet certain housing preferences of individuals on the DHHL applicant waiting list. Requires DHHL to submit the strategic plan to the legislature no later than 12/10/2022. Effective 1/1/2222.
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