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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Lands utilized by the department of Hawaiian
2 home lands to provide housing for native Hawaiians are offered
3 at affordable rates when compared to similar housing available
4 in Hawaii. The purpose of this Act is to require counties to
5 provide for the maintenance of infrastructure for any housing
6 development for the department of Hawaiian home lands within a
7 specified time and under certain conditions.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
9 by adding to Part I a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§46- Infrastructure maintenance; housing development
12 for the department of hawaiian home lands. (a) Notwithstanding
13 any other provision to the contrary, infrastructure for any
14 housing development for the department of Hawaiian home lands
15 shall be maintained by the county in which the housing
16 development is located commencing sixty days after the receipt
17 by the appropriate county council of a completed application for
18 maintenance request; provided that:

S.B. NO. 1123

Report Title:

Counties; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Infrastructure

Description:

Requires counties within sixty days to maintain infrastructure, under specified conditions, as part of any housing development for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaiian Home Lands

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF WATER SUPPLY.

PURPOSE: Clarify requirements on the County Boards of Water Supply and add representation on the County Boards of Water Supply of the interests to be served by the allocation of water for current and foreseeable development and use of Hawaiian Home Lands as set forth in section 221 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

MEANS: Add a new section to part II of chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and amend sections 54-12 and 54-52, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: The lack of available water has been and remains a significant barrier to the State's ability to faithfully carry out Hawaiian Homes projects. The County Boards and Departments of Water Supply have no administrative rules or policies for differentiating and prioritizing the development and provision of water for Hawaiian Homes projects when compared to other State or even private projects. In order to further the interest of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, this bill clarifies the requirements and adds representation on the County Boards of Water Supply.

Impact on the public: This proposal further protects the interest of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by clarifying the requirements and adding representation on the Boards of Water Supply.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
More accountability for the allocation of
water for current and foreseeable
development and use of Hawaiian Home Lands.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: HHL 625.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.