
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the primary
2 responsibilities of the department of Hawaiian home lands in
3 serving its beneficiaries is to effectively manage its
4 homesteading program and efficiently administer a reduction in
5 the homestead program's applicant waitlist. As of 2022, over
6 28,000 applicants remained on the waiting list for residential,
7 agricultural, and pastoral leases. In an effort to vastly
8 reduce the applicant waitlist, the legislature proposed a multi-
9 pronged approach that was ultimately enacted as Act 279, Session
10 Laws of Hawaii 2022, and included a \$600,000,000 appropriation
11 toward this purpose. The department has indicated that it is on
12 track to spend the entire amount on schedule and has a need for
13 even more funds for additional projects, including new homestead
14 communities.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
16 department of Hawaiian home lands to further reduce the
17 homestead program's applicant waitlist.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
4 the department of Hawaiian home lands to reduce the homestead
5 program's applicant waitlist.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
9 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
11 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
12 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
13 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
14 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
15 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
16 exceeded by \$600,000,000 or per cent. The combined total
17 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
18 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
19 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
20 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
21 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:



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1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Homestead Program; Waiting List; Housing; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to further reduce its homestead program applicant waitlist.

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