
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that illegal activity
2 occurring on Hawaiian home lands threatens the health and safety
3 of the community.

4 The purpose of this Act is to establish a compliance
5 program within the department of Hawaiian home lands to
6 investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate
7 with law enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with the
8 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended; state laws and
9 rules; and county ordinances and rules applicable to Hawaiian
10 home lands.

11 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
12 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
13 as follows:

14 **"CHAPTER**

15 **COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

16 § -1 **Compliance program on Hawaiian home lands;**
17 **established.** The department of Hawaiian home lands shall



1 establish a compliance program on Hawaiian home lands to ensure
2 compliance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as
3 amended; state laws and rules; and county ordinances and rules
4 applicable to Hawaiian home lands. The department of Hawaiian
5 home lands shall employ, appoint, and remove, the following
6 persons, subject to chapter 76 and section 78-1, who shall be
7 provided with suitable badges or insignia of office by the
8 department of Hawaiian home lands:

9 (1) A compliance chief of the department of Hawaiian home
10 lands, who shall be an administrator experienced in
11 compliance and management, and who shall be the head
12 of the compliance program and shall have charge,
13 direction, and control, subject to the direction and
14 control of the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes
15 commission, of all matters relating to compliance with
16 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended,
17 and rules adopted thereunder as well as all other
18 state laws and rules, and county ordinances and rules
19 applicable to Hawaiian home lands and other matters as
20 the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission may
21 from time to time direct; and



1 (2) Personnel and compliance officers of the compliance
2 program on Hawaiian home lands, including compliance
3 officers working on an unpaid, voluntary basis.

4 § -2 **Compliance program on Hawaiian home lands;**
5 **compliance officers.** Compliance officers of the compliance
6 program on Hawaiian home lands, with respect to all Hawaiian
7 home lands, shall:

8 (1) Investigate complaints, gather evidence, conduct
9 investigations, and conduct field observations and
10 inspections as required or assigned;

11 (2) For the purpose of facilitating compliance and
12 enforcement activities on Hawaiian home lands,
13 cooperate with law enforcement authorities of the
14 State, counties, and federal government in the
15 development of programs and mutual aid agreements, the
16 latter of which may include provisions for law
17 enforcement authorities to assist in the enforcement
18 of laws upon lands under the department of Hawaiian
19 home lands' jurisdiction;

20 (3) Cooperate with established search and rescue agencies
21 of the counties and the federal government in



- 1 developing plans and programs and mutual aid
2 agreements for search and rescue activities on
3 Hawaiian home lands;
- 4 (4) Review and verify all homestead leases, general
5 leases, licenses, and permits and all other land
6 dispositions issued by the department of Hawaiian home
7 lands;
- 8 (5) Pursue compliance with laws relating to firearms,
9 ammunition, and dangerous weapons contained in chapter
10 134; and
- 11 (6) Carry out other duties and responsibilities, as
12 directed by the department of Hawaiian home lands.

13 § -3 **Rules.** The department of Hawaiian home lands shall
14 adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, necessary for the purposes
15 of this chapter."

16 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
17 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
19 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
20 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
21 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by



1 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
2 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
3 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
4 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
5 ceiling are that:

- 6 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
7 serve the public interest; and
- 8 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
9 addressed by this Act.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
13 the compliance program on Hawaiian home lands.

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

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DHHL; Compliance; Hawaiian Home Lands; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a compliance program within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with law enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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