

JAN 19 2024

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 according to a
2 survey conducted by the department of Hawaiian home lands in
3 2022, more than twenty-eight thousand native Hawaiian
4 beneficiaries are currently on the homestead lease waiting list.
5 The legislature further finds that when beneficiaries on the
6 homestead lease waiting list pass away prior to receiving a
7 lease award, the beneficiary also loses the ability to have
8 their heirs succeed to a lease.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the
10 department of Hawaiian home lands to grant posthumous lease
11 awards directly to qualified successors of elderly or terminally
12 ill beneficiaries who were on the waiting list; provided that
13 the successors file a claim for a lease award within four years
14 of the effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 2. (a) Any qualified successor of a beneficiary
16 who passed away while on the waiting list shall have four years



1 from the effective date of this Act to file a claim for a lease
2 award in place of the named deceased beneficiary.

3 (b) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall adopt
4 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
5 administer this Act within one year of the effective date of
6 this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2594

Report Title:

DHHL; Beneficiaries; Lease Awards; Successors; Successorship
Claims

Description:

Authorizes qualified successors of beneficiaries on the waiting list who died before receiving a lease to file a claim for a lease award within four years of the effective date. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to adopt rules by a certain date.

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