
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that while basic waiting
2 lists of department of Hawaiian home lands applicants are
3 available for download on the department's website, the exact
4 details of each applicant, including information regarding
5 whether the person has applied for multiple leases, been denied
6 a prior lease, or been skipped over, are not readily accessible,
7 even for department staff. Beneficiary records of the
8 department of Hawaiian home lands are spread across multiple
9 locations. If a beneficiary seeks to determine the
10 beneficiary's status, finding and gathering that information can
11 require weeks of work.

12 The legislature further finds that the compilation of
13 applicant information into a single interactive database would
14 increase efficiency within the department of Hawaiian home
15 lands. A digital database would provide clear, transparent,
16 current, and timely information to beneficiaries and the public.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
2 department of Hawaiian home lands to complete an assessment and
3 report on the feasibility of creating an interactive digital
4 database software program that compiles information from its
5 beneficiary waiting lists and other related data.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The department of Hawaiian home lands,
7 with the assistance of the office of enterprise technology
8 services, shall complete an assessment and report on the
9 feasibility of creating an interactive digital database software
10 program of its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. The
11 interactive digital database software program shall contain
12 relevant information on each individual's homestead lease
13 application status, number of applications, address, number of
14 denied leases, designated successors, history of obtaining
15 leases as an applicant or as a successor, and other relevant
16 information as determined by the Hawaiian homes commission.

17 (b) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall report its
18 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
19 legislation, to the legislature no later than July 1, 2024.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2024-2025 for the department of Hawaiian home lands to
4 assess and report on the feasibility of creating an interactive
5 digital database software program to aggregate the department of
6 Hawaiian home lands' applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records.

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

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Native Hawaiian Caucus; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;
Beneficiary List; Database; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to complete an assessment and report on the feasibility of digitizing its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records and creating an interactive digital database software program. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to submit a report to the Legislature by 7/1/2024. Appropriates moneys. (SD1)

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