
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a plan for the
2 transfer of powers and duties regarding the Kalaupapa Settlement
3 is urgently needed in preparation for the passing of the few
4 resident patients remaining there. Under existing law, the
5 county of Kalawao is under the jurisdiction of the department of
6 health; however, other state agencies, such as the department of
7 land and natural resources and the department of Hawaiian home
8 lands, have land ownership interest within Kalawao county.

9 The legislature further finds that pursuant to S.C.R. No.
10 215, S.D. 1 (1989), the department of health submitted to the
11 legislature in 1991 a strategic plan for transition at Kalaupapa
12 Settlement. This plan has not been revised since, nor did it
13 include input from other governmental agencies on their roles or
14 responsibilities in the transition plan. The lack of an updated
15 and comprehensive plan casts uncertainty on the future of
16 Kalaupapa.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
2 department of Hawaiian home lands and department of land and
3 natural resources, in consultation with the department of
4 health, to submit a report on the plan for the transfer of
5 powers and duties of Kalaupapa Settlement.

6 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands and
7 department of land and natural resources, in consultation with
8 the department of health, shall submit to the legislature no
9 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
10 session of 2027, a report on the plan for the permanent transfer
11 of the powers and duties relating to the Kalaupapa Settlement to
12 the department of Hawaiian home lands and department of land and
13 natural resources, which shall include:

- 14 (1) Specification of interests in and responsibility over
15 Kalawao county or the Kalaupapa Settlement of the
16 department of Hawaiian home lands, department of land
17 and natural resources, and department of health;
- 18 (2) Details on the plans and necessary procedures for the
19 permanent transfer of powers and duties;
- 20 (3) The pre- and post-transfer roles and responsibilities
21 of the department of Hawaiian home lands, department



1 of land and natural resources, and department of
2 health regarding the transfer of Kalaupapa Settlement,
3 including remediation, maintenance, or other
4 activities;

5 (4) Budget proposals for the transfer of Kalaupapa
6 Settlement, including any responsibilities outlined in
7 paragraph (3); and

8 (5) A proposed statutory deadline for the transfer after
9 the passing of the last resident patient of Kalaupapa
10 Settlement.

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



S.B. NO. 2799
S.D. 1

Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Health, to submit to the Legislature a report on the plan for the transfer of powers and duties of Kalaupapa Settlement prior to the Regular Session of 2027. (SD1)

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