ACT 179

H.B. NO. 2464

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain native Hawaiians who are eligible for a lease pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, have acquired a lease, sold or transferred their interest in the lease, and then placed their name on the waitlist for a second lease of Hawaiian home lands.

The legislature believes that a department of Hawaiian home lands beneficiary should be able to enter the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act program with a reasonable expectation of eventually receiving a lease.

The purpose of this Act is to require the department of Hawaiian home lands to study the issue of Hawaiian home lands lessees selling or transferring their leases for a fee or other personal gain and then reapplying for a subsequent lease and submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature.

SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands shall conduct a study on the issue of Hawaiian home lands lessees selling or transferring their Hawaiian home lands lease to another native Hawaiian for a fee or other personal gain and then applying for a subsequent Hawaiian home lands lease. The department shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations from its study, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018. (Approved July 10, 2018.)