December 2021

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT:

- Advocated by the Territory of Hawaii's Non-voting delegate to congress, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole
- Signed into law by President Warren G. Harding on July 9, 2021
- The act created a Hawaiian Homes Commission to administer certain public lands, called Hawaiian home lands, for homesteads.
- Native Hawaiians are defined as individuals having at least 50 percent Hawaiian blood.

ADMISSIONS ACT – Section IV:

- As a compact with the United States relating to the management and disposition of the Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended shall be adopted as a provision of the Constitution of said State,

HAWAI'I STATE CONSTITUTION – Article XII Section I:

The legislature shall make sufficient sums available for the following purposes

- #1 Development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots;
- #2 Home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans;
- #3 Rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved;
- #4 The administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands;

CURRENT STATISTICS:

- Applicants: 28,788 (50% native Hawaiians)
- **Applications:** 45,988 (Hawai'i Administrative Rules allow beneficiaries to hold a maximum of two applications, one for a residential lease and the other for either an agricultural lease or a pastoral lease)
- Lessees: 9,980

INCREASED LOT DIVERSITY:

- Turnkey Homes most sought-after product on O'ahu
- Vacant Lots Allows a beneficiary to build a home suitable to their needs including a Tiny Home
- Subsistence Agricultural Lots New Rules passed in 2019, 1-3 acre lots with fewer restrictions as compared to traditional Ag awards. First pilot project near Akaka Falls on Hawaii Island going out to bid in 2022
- Kuleana Homestead Lots coming to Kauai, proposed for Moloka'i
- Multi-Family/Rentals

- New administrative rules signed in 2019 will guide the Department in implementing these rentals
- 270 Affordable Rental Units at the former Bowl-O-Drome location in Mō'ili'ili.
- Partnering with Stanford Carr Development
- Draft EA going before the HHC in December

CREATIVITY:

- On Maui, DHHL just closed on a deal to utilize affordable housing credits to acquire land that will deliver 137 turnkey homes and 24 vacant lots near Wailuku.

2020/2021 HIGHLIGHTS:

- COVID Response Rental assistance, mortgage deferrals, mortgage assistance
- 60 Rent-with-Option-to-Purchase Homes in La'i Opua Kealakehe Hawaii Island
- Broke ground on two critical water system improvements on Moloka'i and Kaua'i
- Broke ground on first Subsistence Ag Lots in Pana'ewa
- Received 80 acres in Ewa Beach from Federal Government
- Acquired 2.5 Ghz licenses from FCC for future broadband development

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

- Independent Counsel
- A Seat on the Commission for Water Resource Management
- To allows DHHL to assume review of the effect of any proposed project on historic properties or burial sites for lands under its jurisdiction.
- Funding for new lot development and Repair & Maintenance projects.

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2022 DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 160 Residential lots in East Kapolei (expected to break ground in 2022)
- 161 Residential lots in Central Maui (expected to break ground in 2022)