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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 the waiting period
2 for native Hawaiians to be placed on Hawaiian home lands is
3 extremely long due in large part to the delay caused by the
4 process of funding, planning, designing, and constructing
5 utility infrastructure for vacant undeveloped lots. The
6 legislature further finds that many native Hawaiians on the
7 waiting list are willing and able to provide for themselves if
8 given the opportunity to develop the land that they are entitled
9 to occupy.

10 The purpose of this Act is to place eligible native
11 Hawaiians on Hawaiian home lands faster, without having to wait
12 for development infrastructure to be built, while still meeting
13 basic habitation requirements and pertinent federal regulations.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of Hawaiian home lands
15 shall develop and administer an off-the-grid living program to
16 permit homesteaders to occupy Hawaiian home lands prior to
17 installation of utility infrastructure; provided that the
18 homesteader is able to meet basic habitation requirements,



1 including the provision of potable water, wastewater treatment,
2 and electrical power. The department shall also ensure
3 compliance with pertinent federal regulations.

4 (b) The structures built pursuant to this Act shall be
5 exempt from the state building code, as provided by chapter 107,
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any county code; provided that the
7 intent of the state building code and county codes shall be
8 implemented through administrative rules.

9 (c) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall adopt
10 rules under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to effectuate
11 the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2639

Report Title:

DHHL; Off-the-Grid Living Program

Description:

Requires DHHL to develop and administer an off-the-grid living program to place eligible native Hawaiians on DHHL land prior to installation of utility infrastructure provided that federal and basic habitation requirements are met.

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