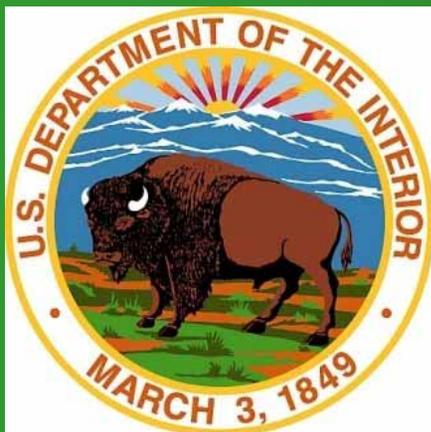


Beneficiary Consultation on the Sale of the Ewa Drum Site and OHR Strategic Plan



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Historical Overview

For almost 100 years the U.S. Department of the Interior has been involved in Native Hawaiian issues. One of the first formal actions directing the Department's involvement occurred in 1921 when Congress passed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), 42 Stat. 108.

Authority for Creation of the Office

- 1921 Hawaiian Homes Comm'n. Act
- 1995 Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act
- 2004 U.S. Public Law 108-199

Over 150 Federal Laws Relating to Native Hawaiians

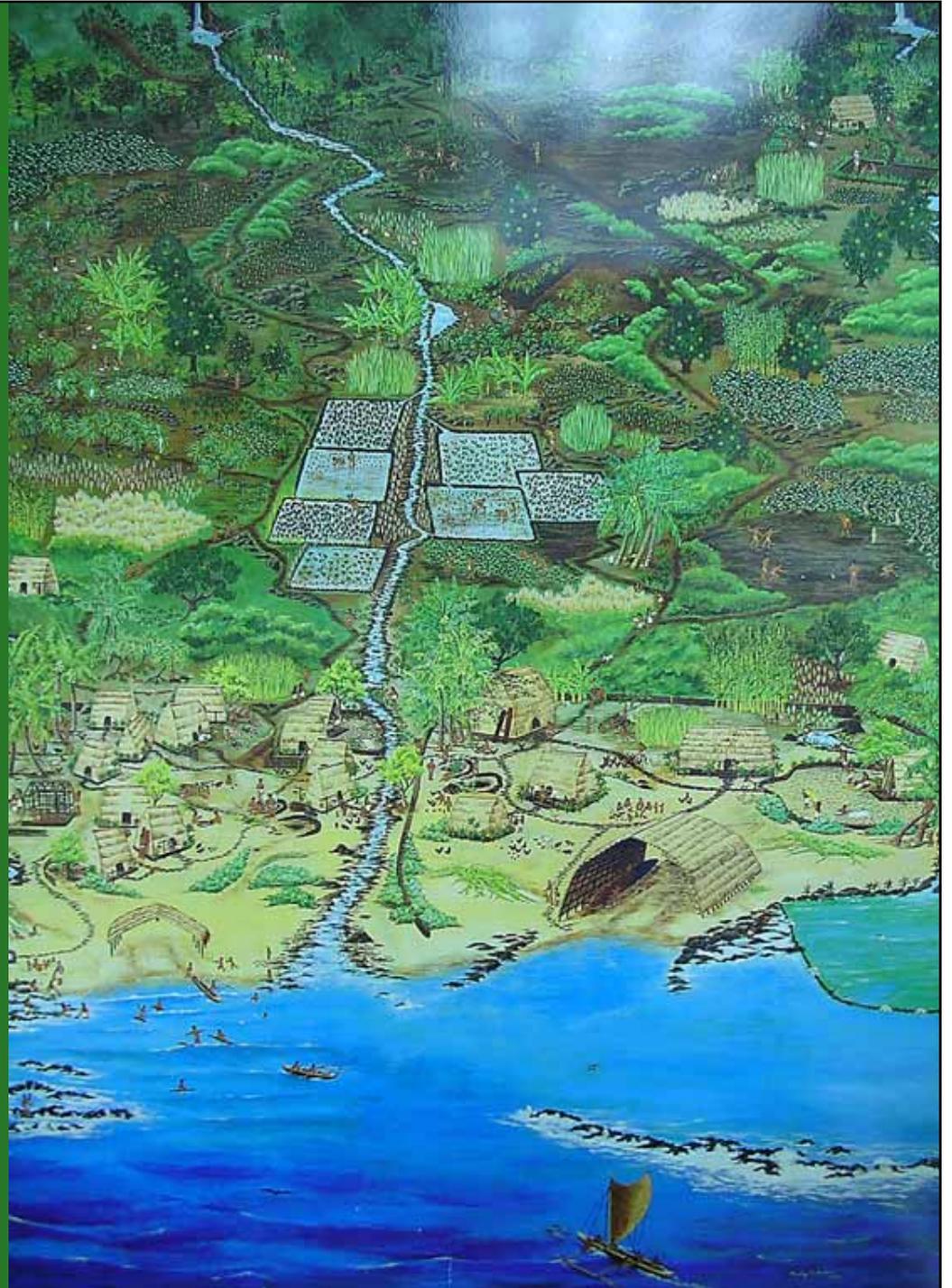
- 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act
- 1988 Native Hawaiian Healthcare Improvement Act
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
- 1990 Native American Languages Act
- 1994 Native Hawaiian Education Act
- 2000 Hawaiian Homelands Home Ownership Act
- 2006 Perkins Career & Tech. Educational Improvement Act

Key Functions

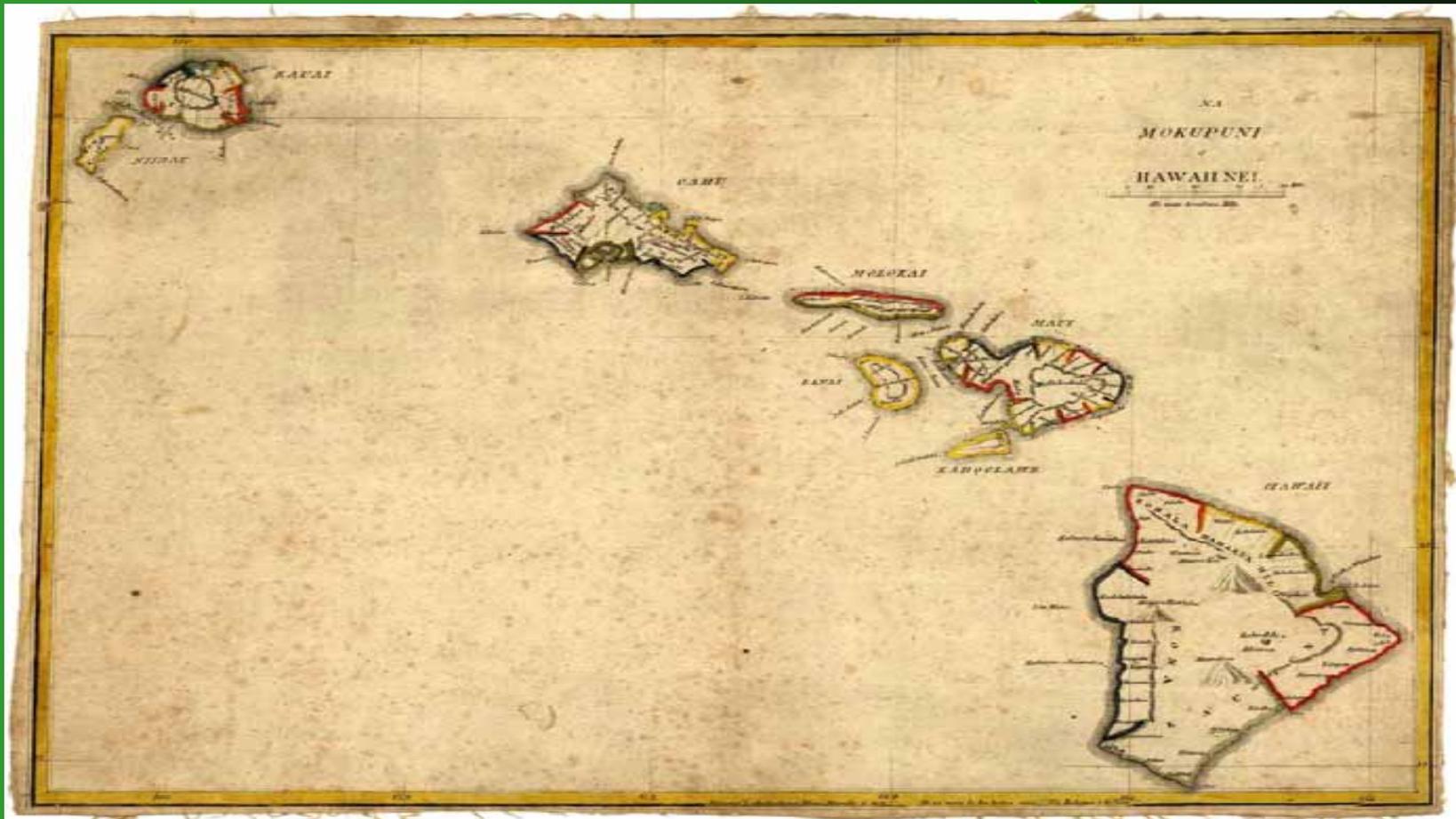
- Fulfilling Departmental responsibilities for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act.
- Liaison with Federal, State, Native Hawaiian community, and private interests.
- Reviewing legislative proposals, correspondence, and other memoranda and communications involving Hawaii.
- Coordinating with the National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program to ensure obligations to Native Hawaiian Organizations are met under NAGPRA.
- Coordinating with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to ensure obligations to Native Hawaiian Organizations are met under the National Historic Preservation Act.

MISSION

The mission of the office is to serve as a liaison with the Native Hawaiian community and work with the Department and its bureaus on issues affecting Hawaii.



Why should beneficiaries be interested in the Office?



The HHLRA prescribes the following DOI responsibilities for the administration of the HHCA:

- Review state enactments that propose to amend the HHCA.
- Approve or disapprove all land exchanges between the DHHL and other parties.
- Conduct a survey of all Hawaiian Home lands.
- Administer conveyance of certain real property to the DHHL in exchange for full settlement and release of all claims, actions and liabilities arising from or relating to the United States ownership and use of real property identified as “available lands” for native Hawaiians under the HHCA.
- Advance the interests of the beneficiaries and assist the beneficiaries and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in obtaining assistance from programs of the Department of the Interior and other Federal agencies that will promote homesteading opportunities, economic self-sufficiency, and social well-being of the beneficiaries.

Why is the office interested in your opinion about the Ewa Drum site sale?

- The office needs to determine if the sale is in the best interest of the beneficiaries, not the State.
- Establish a history of Federal consultation with the community.

What I would like to hear from you about the sale.

- Do you feel the sale of the property will make it more or less likely those on the waiting list will receive homesteads?
- Do you feel the sale of the Ewa Drum site is a positive or negative action for the trust?

Why is the Office strategic plan important to beneficiaries?

- The Department uses the strategic plan to make funding decisions. If your not in the plan you are likely not getting a budget.
- The goal(s) of the Office should reflect the needs of the beneciaries.

What I would like to learn from you in regards to the strategic plan.

If you choose to answer the questionnaire that is great. If you choose not to the main question is what three things can the Federal government be doing to help Native Hawaiians thrive and empower our community?

Three Proposed Things the Office Can Seek to do Under the Draft Plan to Empower the Native Hawaiian Community

- Preserve and Perpetuate Native Hawaiian Culture and Cultural Resources
- Support Self-governance and Self-determination
- Promote Economic Self-sufficiency and Social Well-being of Native Hawaiians

Discussion and Comments