



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Honomū Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Community

Community Meeting #1

October 23, 2017

AGENDA

I. Purpose of Meeting:

- A. Introduce the Honomū Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Project
- B. Answer Questions, Hear Comments and Concerns

II. Background on the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust

III. Project Overview:

- A. The Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Initiative
- B. Hawaiian Home Lands at Honomū
- C. Planning Process and Timeframe

IV. Land Uses Being Considered

V. Questions and Comments

VI. Next Steps

The Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i

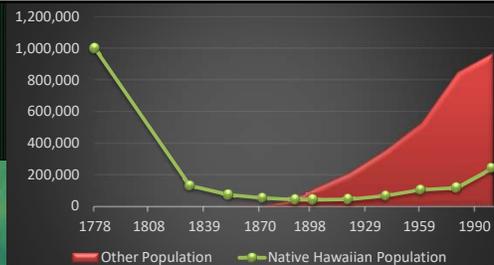
Article XII, Section 2 -- Acceptance of Compact

- The State and its people accept, as a compact with the United States, relating to the management and disposition of the Hawaiian home lands, the requirement that the HHCA be included in this constitution.
- The State and its people do further agree and declare that the spirit of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act looking to the continuance of the Hawaiian homes projects for the further rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race shall be faithfully carried out.

Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1921

Act of Congress; Administered by the State Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

- **Establishes Policy Board:** Hawaiian Homes Commission
- **Designates Land:** 200,000 acres
- **Promotes Rehabilitation,** well-being and economic self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians, defined as individuals having at least 50 percent Hawaiian blood
 - ✓ **Homestead Leases** for residential, agricultural and pastoral uses at \$1.00 per year for 99-years
 - ✓ **Financial Assistance** (direct loans or loan guarantees) for home construction, repair/replacement, and development of farms and ranches
 - ✓ **Technical Assistance** to farmers and ranchers
 - ✓ **Operation of Water Systems**



DHHL's Planning System



DHHL Zoning = “Land Use Designations”

- Residential Communities
- Agricultural and Pastoral Uses
- Land and Resource Management
- Economic Development

Why Agriculture?

- Provision of the HHCA
- 20 years since the last Agricultural Award
- The Agricultural Waitlists are longer than the Residential Waitlists
- Sustainability--resilience requires agriculture
- 8.4% of existing agricultural lessees are cultivating their ag lots; 55% of those engage in subsistence farming

HOMESTEAD LEASES STATEWIDE

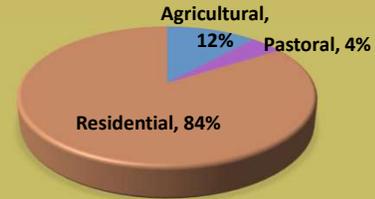
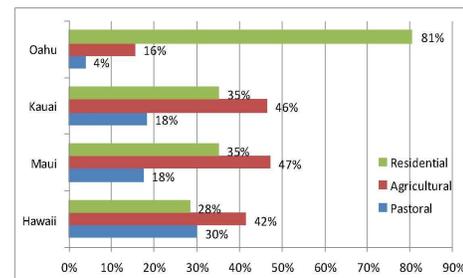


Figure 2. Application Type and Island, 2014

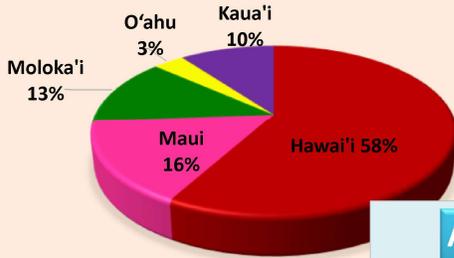


Agricultural Opportunities

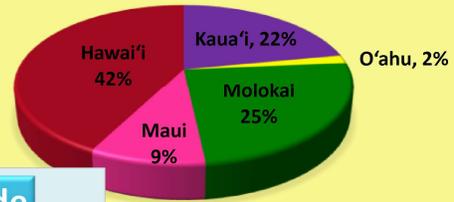
- DHHL contracts with CTAHR, Hilo to provide educational and technical assistance programs to Ag/Pastoral Lessees
- DHHL is planning to hire an agricultural specialist to provide case management assistance for Ag/Pastoral Lessees
- Opportunity to develop a programmatic framework that maximizes the use of existing ag programs, services and resources
- Opportunity to integrate agricultural support facilities into the homestead community plan

Why Focus on the Big Island?

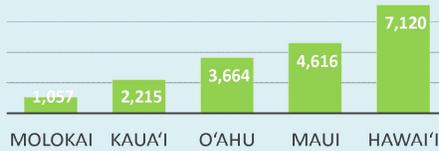
Distribution of HHLs by Island



Distribution of HHLs Designated for Agricultural Use



Area and Islandwide Agricultural Waitlists



DHHL Lands on Hawai'i Island

Approximately 118,000 acres,
which is 58% of the entire
Hawaiian Home Lands Trust

