

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

May 16-17, 2022

TO: Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

FROM: William J. Aila, Jr. Chairman

SUBJECT: Appointment of “Waitlist Reduction Act” (HB2511 HD2 SD2 CD1) Interaction Group pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 92-2.5 and Hawaii Administrative Rules section 10-2-16 (b) (1)

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION

None. For information only.

DISCUSSION:

An investigative committee of the Hawaiian Homes Commission is appointed effective May 16, 2022. The purpose of the committee is to participate in the preparation of the strategic plan required by HB2511 HD2 SD2 CD1, informally entitled the “Waitlist Reduction Act”, to ensure through its participation that the program elements in the plan are in line with the Commission’s trust responsibilities and obligations, the legislative intent of the bill, and any other restrictions that may be placed on the Department by statute, session law, regulation, policy, and/or executive memorandum regarding the expenditure of these funds.

Although Governor David Ige has not yet signed HB2511 HD2 SD2 CD1, I am establishing this Committee at this time so that staff can move expeditiously with the assistance of the Committee to develop the required strategic plan needed to implement the provisions of the bill. Although this is extraordinary, it is necessary given the truncated time frames and the extremely limited period available to encumber and expend the funds.

The members of the Committee include Commissioners Russell Kaupu, Pauline Namuo, and Dennis Neves. I will serve as Chair of the Committee. The Committee’s work is expected to be completed by June 15, 2022, with a report to the Hawaiian Homes Commission of the Committee’s findings and recommendations, including a draft of the strategic plan, to follow at the next regular meeting scheduled.