


STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

July 18-19, 2022

TO: Members, Hawaiian Homes Commission

FROM: Jobie Masagatani, Executive Assistant 
Office of the Chairman

SUBJECT: Report of the Act 279 (f.k.a. "Waitlist Reduction Act" HB2511 HD2 SD2 CD1)
Permitted Interaction Group

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION:

None. For information only.

DISCUSSION:

On July 11, 2022 Governor David Ige signed into law Act 279 (Act), formerly HB2511 HD2 SD2 CD1. This submittal is intended to provide the Report back to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (Commission) on the recommendations of the Act 279 formerly known informally as the "Waitlist Reduction Act" Permitted Interaction Group (Committee) since its appointment on May 16, 2022. The purpose of the Committee is to participate in the preparation of the strategic plan required by Act 279. The Committee is working to ensure that the program elements in this strategic plan are in line with the legislative intent of the bill and the Commission's trust responsibilities and obligations. Its members include Commissioners Pauline Namuo, Russell Kaupu, Dennis Neves, and Chairman William Aila.

The Committee met a total of five times since May 16, 2022: on May 31, 2022, June 9, 2022, June 15, 2022, June 30, 2022, and July 7, 2022. A status report on the Committee's activities was shared with the Commission at its June 2022 regular meeting. During these five meetings, the Committee received guidance from counsel on various topics related to the Strategic Plan and deliberated on elements included in the Strategic Plan based on working draft presentations prepared by staff. Attached as Exhibit A is the Committee's product, entitled "Preliminary Strategic Approach to Implement Act 279 of 2022".

Funding for the items identified by the Plan is expected to be done on an annual basis, like the annual DHHL budget that is prepared in June of each fiscal year for the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the Commission accept and approve the Preliminary Strategic Approach to Implement Act 279 of 2022 (Strategic Plan) and authorize the Chair to begin implementation of such Plan

Staff should also prepare the FY2022-2023 Act 279 budget for the Commission's consideration and approval so that implementation can begin expeditiously.