

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaiian Home Lands

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

PURPOSE: To provide follow-up funds for the next steps in the investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian Home Lands.

MEANS: Appropriates funds.

JUSTIFICATION: There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,000,000 or so much there of as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to fund water well development for geophysical investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian Home Lands. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Department of the Hawaiian Home Lands for the purposes of Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Impact on the public: This bill further protects the interest of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, by providing funds for the investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian Home Lands, as these resources may be used for the generation, transmission, or production of electricity and renewable energy resources.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill could allow for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to produce generation, transmission, or production of electricity and renewable energy resources on Hawaiian Home Lands.

GENERAL FUND: \$6,000,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: HHL 625.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024.