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Abstract

As homelessness and rates of emigration from Hawai‘i amongst native Hawaiians escalate due to lack of affordable land and housing, it's important to question the system formulated to provide land for native Hawaiians. The 1921 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act reserved approximately 200,000 acres for "rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race" by providing native Hawaiians with residential, agricultural and pastoral lands. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act requires all Hawaiian Homeland applicants to be native Hawaiian, or "any descendant of not less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778." This paper examines the Hawaiian Homes program from the fundamentals of its creation to its management and implementation since the enactment of the HHCA in 1921 until present. The study analyzes a sample of general leases on each island and identifies the non-beneficiaries who occupy them and the terms they acquired their land on, as opposed to their actual current market value.

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Chapter One: Introduction

On July 9, 1921, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 was signed into US Federal Law. Approximately 200,000 acres, a fraction of the land that was taken after the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, was appropriated for native Hawaiian residential, agricultural and pastoral use. After 88 years, merely 46,603 acres of the designated 200,000 acres are being homesteaded to native Hawaiians.

In 1990, a state sponsored study done on 200,000 people who were of Hawaiian descent found that more than 2,000 of them were homeless and that 40% of these homeless Hawaiians had been on the waiting list for a homestead for more than seven years. As homelessness rises parallel to the increased cost of living here in Hawai‘i, one can only imagine how many native Hawaiians on the DHHL wait list are homeless or barely making ends meet today. There are also many other native Hawaiians who haven't applied for Hawaiian Homelands because of challenges, which include its waitlist, blood quantum discrepancies, strenuous application processes, or lack of education and assistance.
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Interview Consent Form

About the study:
This study is an exploratory study that seeks to understand the nature of Hawaiian homemands’ program management and implementation since the enactment of the HHCA in 1921 until present.

Participation:
In agreeing to participate, you agree to become a participant in the study. This includes granting the researcher permission to use your audio data, photo, and video images for the purposes of collecting and processing data throughout the study. All names geographic location or other information not relevant to the study will remain strictly confidential.

Consent:
The undersigned does hereby authorize Jessica Villaruz, and/or all assignees to photograph, film and/or record him/her or his/her student or child, and herewith agrees that the researcher use and/or permit others to use such photographic, sound or video material strictly for educational purposes.

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