

ABOUT THIS REFERENCE GUIDE

Section 206 of the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (HHLRA), 109 Stat. 363, requires the Secretary of the Interior to administer the Federal laws governing the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Funds. Among other responsibilities, the Department of the Interior is tasked with determining whether an amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA), 42 Stat. 108, proposed by the State of Hawai'i, requires Congressional approval or fits within an exemption allowing certain administrative changes to the law by the State. *See, State of Hawai'i Admission Act, 73 Stat. 4; 43 C.F.R. Part 48 (rules governing this approval process).* This Reference Guide is published to assist in the Department's administrative responsibilities and reflects its past review of proposed amendments by the State.

The HHCA is one of many Federal laws that are not fully published or codified in the United States Code. The U.S. House of Representatives - Office of the Law Revision Counsel, an independent, non-partisan office, determines what is, and is not, codified. The decision not to codify a provision does not affect its status as Federal law. When a statute and its amendments are not published in the Code, the language of the Statutes at Large is the official language of the Federal law. Because the HHCA is not fully published in the United States Code, this Reference Guide is intended to provide a ready reference to the HHCA, as amended. All citations should be made to the statute and its amendments and not to this Reference Guide.

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