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SCHHA HBA Consultation Comment/Testimony Form

Topic: Act 80 Successor Blood Quantum

If you would like to submit comments, testimony, experiences on the above referenced SCHHA HBA Consultation Topic, you are welcome to complete this Comment Form or Submit a Letter or Email to policy@hawaiianhomesteads.org.

SCHHA is conducting this HBA Consultation to document the views of Homestead Beneficiary Associations (HBAs) defined in **43 CFR Part 48.6** and is accepting testimony from all others including HHCA Beneficiaries, Native Hawaiians, and the General Public.

Before Act 80 can become law, 43 CFR Part 48 requires the U.S. Department of Interior (DoI) analyze the amendment, and forward Act 80 with DoI recommendations to the U.S. Congress committees of jurisdiction for consent, specifically, the Senate Committee on Energy/Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources. This SCHHA HBA Consultation is conducted to advance a determination by the DoI on Act 80 under the **43 CFR Part 48** regulatory process.

Thank you for your interest in this SCHHA HBA Consultation.

Section I. About the Testifier

Identity of a Testifier is Optional – Only complete name and email address if you would like to receive a copy of the SCHHA HBA Consultation Report.

Name of Testifier (Optional): _____ Date: _____

Email Address (Optional): _____ Phone (Optional): _____

Testifier Standing is Required (Check One or Any that Apply):

- ☐ I am Representative of a Homestead Beneficiary Association
- ☐ I am an HHCA Beneficiary Eligible to be on the Waitlist or to Hold a Homestead Lease
- ☐ I am a Designated Successor to a Homestead Lease, or I am a Successor with a Homestead Lease
- ☐ I am a Designated Successor to a Waitlist HHCA Beneficiary
- ☐ I am Native Hawaiian but Not HHCA eligible
- ☐ I am a Member of the General Public

Section II. Summary Question of the SCHHA HBA Consultation - Yes or No

SCHHA Summary Question on Yes or No to Act 80. Testifier may choose **Yes** and any subsequent rationale or may choose **No** with any subsequent rationale.

Do You Want Act 80 to Become a Lawful HHCA Amendment to Change the Definition of a Lessee Successor from 1 / 4 Blood Quantum or more to 1 / 32 Blood Quantum or more? SCHHA Summary Question

- ☐ **Yes.** I Want Act 80 to be Approved by the U.S. DoI and U.S. Congress.

Potential Reasons for Yes, Check Any that You Agree With:

- ☐ Act 80 ensures HHCA lands are a permanent land base for HHCA Beneficiaries, heirs and children.
- ☐ Act 80 provides greater financial stability through multi-generational homeownership.
- ☐ Act 80 provides stability to promote multi-generational agriculture investments of capital, expertise and labor.

- ☐ Act 80 does not impact Waitlist Beneficiaries waiting for State DHHL to Issue a Homestead, furthermore, those waiting for a Homestead Award, are not waiting for Lessees to die without multi-generational successors.
- ☐ Act 80 will immediately benefit Waitlist Beneficiaries upon a homestead award by the State DHHL or upon a private transaction with an existing Lessee to purchase homestead improvements.
- ☐ If Yes, Other Reasons: _____

- ☐ **No.** I Do NOT Want Act 80 to be Approved by the U.S. DoI or the U.S. Congress.

Potential Reasons for No, Check Any that You Agree With:

- ☐ HHCA lands are for a temporary land base for HHCA Beneficiaries. When Beneficiaries no longer have Blood Quantum heirs, the lands should be returned to the State and Federal Governments.
- ☐ Multi-generational homeownership, farming and ranching do not create financial stability for Lessees.
- ☐ The primary source of a homestead award to Waitlist Beneficiaries should not be from the inventory of vacant lots at DHHL and instead should be from an existing Beneficiary Lessee that has no eligible Successors.
- ☐ If No, Other Reasons: _____

Upon closing of this SCHHA HBA Consultation on Act 80 on September 15, 2025, SCHHA will compile the responses in this Section, issue a report and produce responses to the 6 initial questions posed by the DoI to State DHHL in 2018.

Section III. How to Submit or Access More Information

Testifiers are welcome to share comments through completion of this SCHHA HBA Consultation Comment Form or in other written form or email. Testimony is due to policy@hawaiianhomesteads.org by email or by mail to 3375 Koapaka Street, D-145, Honolulu, HI 96819 by midnight on **September 15, 2025**.

An Initial In-Person SCHHA HBA Consultation Briefing Session on Act 80, is Scheduled for **June 3, 2025 at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm** at the Ala Moana Hotel on the island of Oahu. This Briefing Session provides information on Act 80. All are Welcome.

Additional Virtual SCHHA HBA Consultation Briefing Sessions on Act 80 are Scheduled for **July 22, 2025** and **August 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** by virtual zoom at: <https://hawaiianhomesteads-org.zoom.us/j/83031175093>. These Briefing Sessions provide information on Act 80. All are Welcome.

If your HBA is interested in a SCHHA HBA Consultation Briefing Session for your HBA Governing Board, please contact **Robin Puanani Danner**, SCHHA Policy Director & TiLeaf Group Nonprofit, or **Blossom Feiteira** TiLeaf Group Nonprofit Board Member to schedule a dedicated session for your HBA by contacting at tlg@hawaiianhomesteads.org.

Mahalo – Engage and Share Your Manao!

