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The Honorable Susan Combs  
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Dear Ms. Combs:

Section 4 of the Hawaii Admission Act provides that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) shall be adopted as a provision of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. It further provides that with certain exceptions, the HHCA thereafter shall be amended by the State "only with the consent of the United States" (73 Stat. 5). Section 204 of the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (P. L. 104-42) outlines the procedure to be followed by the State of Hawaii and the USDOJ for the approval of these amendments. 43 CFR Part 48 identifies the documentation requirements and the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior in the approval process for State of Hawai'i proposed amendments to the HHCA.

In accordance with this procedure and rule, we are transmitting the amendment to the HHCA passed by the 2017 Hawaii State Legislature and approved by the Governor along with the documentation required in accordance with 43 CFR Part 48.

We appreciate your review and appropriate action on this amendment. Please contact me, or the DHHL Legislative Analyst, Ms. Lehua Kinilau-Cano at (808) 620-9486, should you have any questions or need additional documentation on this amendment.

Aloha,

Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman  
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