

State Reaches Historic \$328 Million Settlement in Lawsuit Over Native Hawaiian Homesteads

“Thousands of Native Hawaiians who waited decades for homestead leases aimed at guaranteeing them access to ancestral lands may soon get some payment from the state. The state reached a \$328 million settlement agreement with the Hawaiian beneficiaries, who first brought a class-action lawsuit,” reports Blaze Lovell Honolulu Civil Beat.

“The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for mismanaging the public lands trust in the late 1990s. The settlement agreement, which was unsealed Tuesday afternoon, marked another turn in fortune this year for Native Hawaiians who have long struggled to take advantage of the program meant to ensure they have access to long-term.”

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