
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The existing rules regarding public housing
2 state that anyone evicted from public housing after 1985 shall
3 never be eligible for placement in public housing in the future.
4 Recognizing both the need to keep out bad tenants and the
5 ability of people to change their ways, the State needs to offer
6 the possibility of a second chance to be placed in public
7 housing through some type of appeal process.

8 The purpose of this Act is to allow persons denied
9 eligibility to public housing based upon an eviction since 1985,
10 the right to appeal the denial.

11 SECTION 2. Section 201G-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§201G-32 Rentals and tenant selection.** (a) In the
14 operation or management of a public housing project, the
15 administration (acting directly or by an agent or agents) shall
16 at all times, observe the following duties with respect to
17 rentals and tenant selections:



- 1 (1) It may establish maximum limits of annual net income
2 for tenant selection in any public housing project,
3 less such exemptions as may be authorized by federal
4 regulations pertaining to public housing. The
5 administration may agree to conditions as to tenant
6 eligibility or preference required by the federal
7 government pursuant to federal law in any contract for
8 financial assistance with the administration;
- 9 (2) It may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations
10 therein only at rentals within the financial reach of
11 persons who lack the amount of income which it
12 determines to be necessary in order to obtain safe,
13 sanitary, and uncongested dwelling accommodations
14 within the area of operation of the administration and
15 to provide an adequate standard of living; [~~and~~]
- 16 (3) It may rent or lease to a tenant a dwelling consisting
17 of the number of rooms (but no greater number) which
18 it deems necessary to provide safe and sanitary
19 accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof,
20 without overcrowding[-]; and
- 21 (4) It shall allow any person to appeal to the board a
22 denial of eligibility for public housing based on an



1 eviction that occurred ten years or more prior to the
 2 current application for public housing. Upon appeal,
 3 the board may reverse the earlier denial and may allow
 4 admittance to public housing at its discretion
 5 following the recommendation of the director."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:
Public Housing

Description:

Allows any person to appeal a denial of eligibility for public housing that is based on an eviction which occurred more than ten years prior to the current application for public housing.

