
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The senate and house of representatives of the
2 twenty-third legislature of the State of Hawaii, regular session
3 of 2005, enacted Act 196, Relating to Housing, and section 35 of
4 that act established the joint legislative housing and homeless
5 task force to further identify near-term solutions to Hawaii's
6 affordable housing and homeless problem. The task force issued
7 its report with findings and recommendations in January 2006.
8 The task force recommended in general that the State: (1)
9 leverage more sources of financing for affordable housing; (2)
10 make available more public land for the development of
11 affordable housing; (3) streamline government approvals and
12 permitting of affordable housing projects; (4) build more
13 offsite infrastructure to serve affordable housing; (5)
14 appropriate additional funds for transitional housing, shelters,
15 and services for the homeless population; and (6) preserve and
16 maintain the existing public housing stock.

17 One of the specific recommendations of the task force for
18 studies relating to affordable housing was to direct the



1 legislative reference bureau (bureau) to: (a) study and assess
2 the government-subsidized affordable housing projects currently
3 in private ownership that are eligible to convert to
4 market-priced housing over the next five years, and (b) prepare
5 a report on the measures and incentives that can be implemented,
6 together with cost estimates, to retain these projects as state
7 affordable housing.

8 The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendation
9 of the task force with regard to preparing a report for
10 retaining subsidized state affordable units eligible for
11 conversion to market-priced housing.

12 SECTION 2. The bureau shall:

- 13 (1) Study and assess the government-subsidized state
14 affordable housing projects currently in private
15 ownership that are eligible to convert to
16 market-priced housing over the next five years;
- 17 (2) Prepare a report on the measures and incentives that
18 can be implemented, together with cost estimates, to
19 retain these projects as state affordable housing; and
- 20 (3) Submit its report to the legislature no later than
21 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
22 session of 2007.

1 SECTION 3. To ensure the timely completion of the study,
2 both the housing community development corporation of Hawaii and
3 the department of human services shall provide the following
4 information to the bureau by May 31, 2006:

- 5 (1) A complete listing of all government-subsidized
6 affordable housing projects applicable to the study;
7 and
- 8 (2) The following information for each listed project:
 - 9 (A) The name (if applicable), address, and the number
10 of units in the project;
 - 11 (B) The government program providing the subsidy; and
 - 12 (C) The name and address of the owner of the project.

13 SECTION 4. The housing and community development
14 corporation of Hawaii, the public housing administration, and
15 the department of human services shall assist the bureau in
16 evaluating the cost estimates for retaining the state affordable
17 housing projects. The three agencies shall assist the bureau
18 either by determining actual cost impacts or, at the very least,
19 by determining the correct methodology to use for establishing
20 the estimated costs.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

Report Title:

Affordable Housing; Land; Estates; Agriculture; Land Bank; Land Trust

Description:

Requires the legislative reference bureau to study and assess private government-subsidized housing and prepare a report to retain these projects as affordable housing. (SD1)

