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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 PART I. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE 2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the homeless and 3 affordable housing crises continue to be two of the State's most 4 significant and challenging social problems. 5 The most recent estimate of the total number of homeless persons in the State is six thousand twenty-nine on any given 6 7 day. In addition, the Hawaii Homeless Point-in-Time Study of 8 2003 found that over four thousand of these homeless persons are unsheltered. This is indicative of the limited shelter space 9 10 available in the State. 11 Also troubling is the fact that a staggering thirty-seven 12 per cent of the unsheltered homeless are individuals of Hawaiian 13 or part-Hawaiian ancestry. Equally troubling is the fact that 14 on any given day, there are eight hundred thirty-eight homeless children in the State. None of these numbers reflect the number 15 16 of people who are considered hidden homeless or those who are at-risk of homelessness. 17 18 Housing, in general, is a critical issue for many residents 19 in Hawaii, where the cost of homeownership and rentals are

- 1 increasing. The prospect of making high mortgage payments and
- 2 saving enough money for the downpayment and closing costs needed
- 3 to buy a home at current market prices is a formidable
- 4 challenge. Even higher income families must often seek help
- 5 from relatives to overcome this obstacle. More needs to be done
- 6 to increase the inventory of, and ensure that residents have
- 7 access to, affordable housing, as well.
- 8 The legislature recognizes that meaningful solutions to
- 9 Hawaii's housing and homeless problems must be found.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to:
- (1) Provide funding for various homeless shelters andtransitional housing programs and services;
- 13 (2) Require the Hawaii housing finance and development
- 14 corporation to create an affordable housing inventory
- registry and to report annually to the legislature on
- 17 (3) Extend the sunset date for the allocation of a
- 18 percentage of conveyance tax revenues to the rental
- housing trust fund to June 30, 2012;
- 20 (4) Exempt special purpose revenue bonds that are issued
- 21 to assist in the development of low- and

1	moderate-income housing projects from the procurement
2	code; and
3	(5) Provide funding for various affordable and public
4	housing programs.
5	PART II. THE HOMELESS
6	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8	much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2007-2008
9	for homeless facilities, emergency shelters, and transitional
10	shelters, as defined by section 356D-121, Hawaii Revised
11	Statutes.
12	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
13	housing authority for the purposes of this section.
14	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
17	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18	year 2008-2009 to provider agencies, as defined by section 356D-
19	121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who offer outreach or support
20	services, or both, to unsheltered homeless, at risk homeless,
21	and those residing in homeless facilities, including emergency
22	shelters and transitional shelters.

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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 2 of human services for the purposes of this section. SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general 3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 4 or so 5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and 6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 7 year 2008-2009, to provide matching funds for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development homeless assistance 8 9 program, including shelter plus care and other supportive 10 housing programs. 11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii 12 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of 13 this Act. PART III. AFFORDABLE AND PUBLIC HOUSING 14 SECTION 5. Section 39A-282, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 15 16 amended to read as follows: "[+]§39A-282[+] Department powers in the development of 17 18 low- and moderate-income housing. [In addition to powers that it may now have, the] (a) The department shall have all powers 19 20 necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this part.

The powers of the department shall include [but are not limited

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to the following]:

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1	(1)	Notwithstanding [and without compliance with] section		
2		103-7[, but] and chapter 103D, with the approval of		
3		the governor, to:		
4		(A) Enter into and carry out a project agreement, or		
5		an amendment or supplement to an existing project		
6		agreement, with a project party; and		
7		(B) Enter into and carry out any agreement whereby		
8		the obligation of a project party under a project		
9		agreement will be unconditionally guaranteed by a		
10		person other than a project party;		
11	(2)	To issue special purpose revenue bonds pursuant to and		
12		in accordance with this part;		
13	(3)	To lend the proceeds of the special purpose revenue		
14		bonds issued for a project to the project party for		
15		use and application by the project party for the		
16		project;		
17	(4)	As security for the payment of the principal, premium,		
18		if any, and interest of the special purpose revenue		
19		bonds issued for this project, to:		
20		(A) Pledge, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise		
21		encumber all or any part of the revenues and		
22		receipts derived or to be derived by the		

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1			department under the project agreement for the
2			project for which the bonds are issued;
3		(B)	Pledge and assign the interest and rights of the
4			department under the project agreement or other
5			agreement with respect to the project or the
6			special purpose revenue bonds;
7		(C)	Pledge and assign any bond, debenture, note, or
8			other evidence of indebtedness received by the
9			department with respect to the project; or
10		(D)	Any combination of the foregoing;
11	(5)	To e	xtend or renew any project agreement or any other
12		agre	ement related to the project agreement; provided
13		that	any renewal or extension shall be subject to the
14		appro	oval of the governor unless made in accordance
15		with	provisions for the extension or renewal contained
16		in a	project agreement or related agreement
17		ther	etofore approved by the governor; and
18	(6)	To do	any and all things necessary or convenient to
19		carr	y out its purposes and exercise the powers given
20		and o	granted in this part.
21	<u>(b)</u>	When	the department finances or refinances a project
22	by the is	suance	e of special purpose revenue bonds as contemplated
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- 1 by this part, the State shall not exercise the power of eminent
- 2 domain to acquire a project or any part of the project for lease
- 3 or transfer to a project party, nor shall the State operate a
- 4 project on behalf of a project party."
- 5 SECTION 6. Section 201H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 "[+] \$201H-6[+] Housing advocacy and information system.
- 8 (a) The corporation, with the assistance of other agencies of
- 9 the State and counties with related responsibilities, shall
- 10 develop and maintain a housing advocacy and information system
- 11 to aid the corporation in meeting the needs and demands of
- 12 housing consumers.
- 13 (b) In establishing and maintaining the housing advocacy
- 14 and information system, the corporation shall conduct market
- 15 studies, engage in community outreach, and solicit
- 16 recommendations from, and statistics and research developed by,
- 17 agencies of the United States, the State, the counties, private
- 18 research organizations, nonprofit community groups, trade
- 19 associations, including those of the construction and real
- 20 estate industries, departments, individuals at the University of
- 21 Hawaii, and housing consumers.

1	(c) The corporation shall analyze the information received						
2	and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies and						
3	developers.						
4	(d) The corporation, through the housing advocacy and						
5	information system, shall act as a clearinghouse for information						
6	relating to housing conditions, needs, supply, demand,						
7	characteristics, developments, trends in federal housing						
8	programs, and housing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.						
9	(e) The housing advocacy and information system may be						
10	used by housing researchers, planners, administrators, and						
11	developers and shall be coordinated with other housing research						
12	efforts. The corporation shall maintain a current supply of						
13	information, including means to gather new information through						
14	surveys, contracted research, and investigations.						
15	(f) The corporation, through the housing advocacy and						
16	information system, shall develop and maintain an affordable						
17	housing inventory registry to identify:						
18	(1) Affordable housing projects developed by the						
19	corporation utilizing moneys in the rental housing						
20	trust fund or the dwelling unit revolving fund;						
21	(2) State and federal public housing projects identified						

by the Hawaii public housing authority;

1	(3) United States Department of Housing and Urban				
2	Development Region 9 federally supported and privately				
3	managed housing projects; and				
4	(4) State and county lands that may be developed for				
5	affordable housing, as defined in section 201H-57(b)."				
6	SECTION 7. Act 100, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is				
7	amended by amending section 30 to read as follows:				
8	"SECTION 30. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006;				
9	provided that on June 30, $[2007,]$ 2012, section 21 shall be				
10	repealed and section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be				
11	reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the				
12	approval of this Act."				
13	SECTION 8. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is				
14	amended to read as follows:				
15	"§247-7 Disposition of taxes. All taxes collected each				
16	fiscal year under this chapter shall be [paid into the state				
17	treasury to the credit of the general fund of the State, to be]				
18	used and expended [for the purposes for which the general fund				
19	was created and exists by law; provided that of the taxes				
20	collected each fiscal year:] as follows:				
21	(1) Ten per cent shall be paid into the land conservation				
22	fund established pursuant to section 173A-5;				

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1	(2)	[Fi f	ty] Sixty-five per cent shall be paid into the
2		rent	tal housing trust fund established by section
3		[201	.G-432;] <u>201H-202;</u> and
4	(3)	Twer	ty-five per cent shall be paid into the natural
5	•	area	reserve fund established by section 195-9;
6		prov	rided that the funds paid into the natural area
7		rese	erve fund shall be annually disbursed by the
8		depa	rtment of land and natural resources in the
9		foll	owing priority:
10		(A)	To natural area partnership and forest
11			stewardship programs after joint consultation
12			with the forest stewardship committee and the
13			natural area reserves system commission;
14		(B)	Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed
15			management plans pursuant to section 171-58 or
16	-		watershed management plans negotiated with
17			private landowners, and management of the natural
18			area reserves system pursuant to section 195-3;
19			and
20		(C)	The youth conservation corps established under
21			chapter 193."

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SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
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    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $
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    much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
    the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
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    year 2008-2009, to be deposited in the rental housing trust
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    fund.
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         SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the rental
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    housing trust fund the sum of $ or so much thereof as
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    may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the same sum or
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    so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009
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    for the planning, development, and construction of affordable
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    housing in cooperation with private and nonprofit developers.
         The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
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    housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
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    this section.
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         SECTION 11. The Hawaii housing finance and development
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    corporation shall submit a report to the legislature no later
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    than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008 regular
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    session, and shall submit a report to the legislature no later
    than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session
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    thereafter. The report shall include an accounting of the
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    expenditures made from the rental housing trust fund and the
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- 1 Hawaii housing finance and development corporation's progress
- 2 with its plan to develop for-sale units and rental units.
- 3 SECTION 12. The director of finance is authorized to issue
- 4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof
- 6 as may be necessary the proceeds of which are appropriated for
- 7 fiscal year 2007-2008 to be deposited in the dwelling unit
- 8 revolving fund.
- 9 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the dwelling unit
- 10 revolving fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may
- 11 be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the same sum or so
- 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
- 13 the planning, development, and construction of four thousand
- 14 affordable housing units in cooperation with private developers.
- The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
- 16 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
- 17 this section.
- 18 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general
- 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
- 21 the repair and maintenance of existing federal and state public
- 22 housing buildings.

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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public housing authority for the purpose of this section. 2 3 SECTION 15. The director of finance is authorized to issue 4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much 5 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof 6 as may be necessary the proceeds of which are appropriated for 7 fiscal year 2007-2008 for the purpose of capital improvement 8 projects. 9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public 10 housing authority for the purpose of this section. 11 SECTION 16. The director of finance is authorized to issue 12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum or so much thereof 13 as may be necessary the proceeds of which are appropriated for 14 fiscal year 2007-2008 for the repair and maintenance of 15 16 elevators in existing federal and state public housing 17 buildings. 18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii 19 public housing authority for the purposes of this section. 20 PART IV. 21 SECTION 17. The appropriations made in sections 12, 15,

and 16 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal

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- 1 biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all
- 2 appropriations that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall
- 3 lapse as of that date.
- 4 SECTION 18. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007;
- 7 provided that section 7 of this Act shall take effect on
- **8** June 29, 2007.

Report Title:

Housing Omnibus Bill

Description:

Increases percentage of conveyance tax revenues allocated to the rental housing trust fund to sixty-five per cent; requires the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to create an affordable housing inventory registry and to report annually on expenditures from the rental housing trust fund; exempts special purpose revenue bonds issued to assist in the development of low- and moderate-income housing projects from the procurement code; and appropriates funds for various homeless and housing programs and projects. (SD2)