## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend chapter 2 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Hawaii public
- 3 housing authority, to reflect the legislature's intent to codify
- 4 various Acts into chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 5 following the 2006 regular session, in the appropriate places
- 6 within that chapter and to make other necessary technical and
- 7 housekeeping amendments.
- 8 PART I
- 9 SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to reflect the
- 10 legislature's intent to codify relevant provisions of Act 24,
- 11 Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, into chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised
- 12 Statutes.
- 13 SECTION 3. Section 356D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 14 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
- 15 and to read as follows:
- ""Tenant" means any person occupying a dwelling
- 17 accommodation or living quarters in any public housing project,

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under or by virtue of any tenancy lease or rental agreement
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    under or from the authority."
         SECTION 4. Section 356D-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:
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         "(f) If the tenant meets with the authority as provided
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    for in subsection (b), the authority shall decide, based upon
    the facts discussed at the meeting, what action is appropriate
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    to address the tenant's case. The authority shall notify the
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    tenant of its decision in writing. If the authority decides to
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    proceed with an action to terminate the tenancy, the authority
    shall further inform the tenant in the same written notice that:
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              The tenant has [thirty days] ten business days, from
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              receipt of this notice to request a grievance hearing;
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              and
         (2) If the tenant fails to request a grievance hearing
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              within [thirty days,] ten business days, the authority
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              has the right to proceed with the eviction hearing
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              pursuant to section 356D-93."
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         SECTION 5. Section 521-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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1	"§52	1-7 Exclusions from application of chapter. Unless
2	created s	olely to avoid the application of this chapter, this
3	chapter s	hall not apply to:
4	(1)	Residence at an institution, whether public or
5		private, where residence is merely incidental to
6		detention or the provision of medical, geriatric,
7		educational, religious, or similar services;
8	(2)	Residence in a structure directly controlled and
9		managed by the University of Hawaii for housing
10		students or faculty of the University of Hawaii or
11		residence in a structure erected on land leased from
12		the University of Hawaii by a nonprofit corporation
13		for the exclusive purpose of housing students or
14		faculty of the University of Hawaii;
15	(3)	Occupancy under a bona fide contract of sale of the
16		dwelling unit or the property of which it is a part
17		where the tenant is, or succeeds to the interest of,
18		the purchaser;
19	(4)	Residence by a member of a fraternal organization in a
20		structure operated without profit for the benefit of
21		the organization;

1	(5)	Transient occupancy on a day-to-day basis in a hotel
2		or motel;
3	(6)	Occupancy by an employee of the owner or landlord
4		whose right to occupancy is conditional upon such
5		employment or by a pensioner of the owner or landlord
6		or occupancy for a period of up to four years
7		subsequent thereto, pursuant to a plan for the
8		transfer of the dwelling unit or the property of which
9		it is a part to the occupant;
10	(7)	A lease of improved residential land for a term of
11		fifteen years or more, measured from the date of the
12		commencement of the lease;
13	(8)	Occupancy by the prospective purchaser after an
14		accepted offer to purchase and prior to the actual
15		transfer of the owner's rights;
16	(9)	Occupancy in a homeless facility, or any other program
17		for the homeless authorized under chapter [2016, part
18		IV; 356D, part VII;
19	(10)	Residence or occupancy in a public housing project or
20		complex directly controlled, owned, or managed by the

Hawaii public housing authority pursuant to the

federal low rent public housing program; or

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(11) Residence or occupancy in a transitional facility for
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              abused family or household members."
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                                 PART II
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         SECTION 6. Section 356D-97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "[+]§356D-97[+] Appeals. An aggrieved party may secure a
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    review of any final judgment of the circuit court under this
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    part by appeal to the [intermediate] appellate [court,] courts,
    subject to chapter 602. The appeal shall be taken in the manner
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    provided in the rules of court."
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                                 PART III
         SECTION 7. The purpose of this part is to reflect the
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    legislature's intent to codify relevant provisions of Act 100,
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    Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, in chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised
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    Statutes.
         SECTION 8. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately
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    designated and to read as follows:
                    Temporary emergency housing. (a) In addition
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    to any other duties prescribed by law, the authority shall
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    develop, in consultation with the four counties, a procedure for
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    identifying locations that shall be used for temporary emergency
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- 1 shelters for homeless individuals and families. The authority
- 2 shall actively partner with and monitor the efforts of the
- 3 counties.
- 4 (b) Each county shall be responsible for partnering with
- 5 nonprofit organizations to locate, designate, and maintain the
- 6 areas that shall be used for temporary emergency shelters. The
- 7 designated locations may include private, county, and state
- 8 lands and federal lands.
- 9 (c) The authority shall pursue and secure Barbers Point
- 10 Barracks as temporary housing for homeless families and
- 11 individuals.
- 12 (d) The authority shall submit an annual report to the
- 13 legislature detailing the activities and outcomes under this
- 14 section no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each
- 15 regular session beginning with the 2008 regular session."
- 16 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 18 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Housing

## Description:

Amends chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Hawaii public housing authority, to reflect the legislature's intent to codify various Acts into this chapter, and to make other necessary technical amendments. (SD2)