
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that student housing
2 within the University of Hawaii (UH) system is limited and
3 extremely difficult to obtain. This extremely limited
4 availability forces students into the community to find homes at
5 reasonable rates, placing even greater pressure on the general
6 public's demand for rental housing. In addition, when students
7 are forced to find housing far from their university campus,
8 transportation is also necessary, often causing an increase in
9 traffic congestion.

10 UH has explored a number of approaches to improving student
11 housing, including acquiring existing housing, constructing new
12 housing, renovating and repairing existing housing, and
13 converting facilities not originally intended for housing. UH
14 has started implementing projects to address its student housing
15 situation, including the redevelopment of Frear hall,
16 feasibility and structural studies for the Johnson and Noelani
17 complexes, the improvement of the food service facilities, and a
18 number of major repair and replacement projects to existing



1 facilities that are scheduled to be completed within the next
2 two years.

3 The legislature recognizes and encourages UH's use of a
4 range of potential alternatives to provide additional student
5 housing, including without limitation:

6 (1) Full or partial public funding using general fund
7 moneys or moneys obtained by issuing general
8 obligation or revenue bonds;

9 (2) Federal grants, loans, or other sources or forms of
10 federal assistance;

11 (3) Public-private agreements;

12 (4) Competitive processes, such as requests for proposals,
13 to retain developers or acquire property;

14 (5) Direct lease or rental negotiations with landowners
15 willing to make housing facilities available; and

16 (6) Financing methods authorized under chapter 37D, Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes.

18 The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the UH's efforts
19 to increase the available student housing inventory close to or
20 on UH campuses by providing funding specifically for the
21 acquisition, lease, construction, renovation, repair, and



1 conversion of real property, buildings, and supporting
2 infrastructure for student housing.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
6 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
7 for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the University of Hawaii to fund
8 the development of on-campus and nearby student housing, which
9 may include acquisition or leasing of property, construction of
10 new housing, renovation and repair of existing housing, and
11 conversion of facilities not originally intended for housing
12 through the use of alternatives that are approved by the board
13 of regents.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
15 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

University Student Housing; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii to develop student housing. (HB110 HD1)

