
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 356D-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§356D-151[+] **Rent supplements.** The authority is
4 authorized to make and contract to make annual payments to a
5 [~~"housing owner"~~] housing owner on behalf of a [~~"qualified~~
6 ~~tenant",~~] qualified tenant as those terms are defined in this
7 part, in amounts and under circumstances as are prescribed [~~in~~
8 ~~or pursuant to this part. No payment on behalf of a qualified~~
9 ~~tenant shall exceed a segregated amount of \$160 a month.] by the
10 authority pursuant to rules adopted by the authority."~~

11 SECTION 2. Section 356D-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[+]§356D-153[+] **Qualified tenant**[+] **defined**[+];
14 **preference.** (a) As used in this part, [~~the term~~] "qualified
15 tenant" means any single person or family, pursuant to criteria
16 and procedures established by the authority, who has been
17 determined to have an income not exceeding the [~~very low income~~]
18 income limit as determined by the authority pursuant to rules



1 adopted by the authority; provided that the income limit shall
2 not exceed ninety-five per cent of the annual median income as
3 determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development; provided further that the qualified tenant's
5 primary place of residence shall be in the State or the
6 qualified tenant intends to make the State the qualified
7 tenant's primary place of residence. The terms "qualified
8 tenant" and "tenant" shall include a person or family who
9 satisfies the foregoing requirements and is a member of a
10 cooperative [~~who satisfies the foregoing requirements and~~] who,
11 upon resale of the member's membership to the cooperative, will
12 not be reimbursed for more than fifty per cent of any equity
13 increment accumulated through payments under this part.

14 With respect to members of a cooperative, as used in this
15 part, the terms "rental" and "rental charges" mean the charges
16 under the occupancy agreements between the members and the
17 cooperative.

18 (b) The authority shall give preference to qualified
19 tenants with incomes at or below eighty per cent of the annual
20 median income as determined by the United States Department of
21 Housing and Urban Development."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2008.



H.B. NO. 1364
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Report Title:

State Rent Supplement Program

Description:

Broadens participation in the State Rent Supplement Program by removing the statutory limitation on the subsidy amount. Increases the income limits for participation to 95 percent of annual median income (AMI), with a preference to qualified tenants with incomes up to 80 percent AMI. (HB1364 CD1)

