
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that providing adequate
2 affordable housing remains a priority for the State and that
3 developing affordable housing in urban cores is key to reducing
4 urban sprawl, reducing vehicular traffic, and lowering
5 infrastructure costs.

6 The purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii housing
7 and development corporation to focus on developing affordable
8 housing in urban cores.

9 SECTION 2. Section 201H-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) The corporation may develop fee simple or leasehold
12 property, construct dwelling units thereon, including
13 condominiums, planned units, and cluster developments, and sell,
14 lease, or rent or cause to be leased or rented, at the lowest
15 possible price to qualified residents, nonprofit organizations,
16 or government agencies, with an eligible developer or in its own
17 behalf:



1 (1) Fully completed dwelling units with the appropriate
2 interest in the land on which the dwelling unit is
3 located;

4 (2) Dwelling units that are substantially complete and
5 habitable with the appropriate interest in the land on
6 which the dwelling unit is located; or

7 (3) The land with site improvements (other than the
8 dwelling unit) either partially or fully developed~~[-]~~;

9 provided that the corporation shall give priority to developing
10 land in the areas covered under the Ewa development plan, the
11 city and county of Honolulu primary urban center development
12 plan, and land in the urban core in the counties of Kauai, Maui,
13 and Hawaii, based upon each county's general plan; provided
14 further that the corporation shall prioritize the use of its
15 resources and funds to assist development of these areas,
16 including addressing infrastructure and other planning needs."

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Affordable Housing Development; Urban Core

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to give priority to developing land in the areas covered under the Ewa Development Plan and City and County of Honolulu Primary Urban Center Development Plan, and land in the urban core in the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. (HB2598 HD1)

