
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Hawaii public housing authority shall
2 conduct a study on creating incentives to allow public housing
3 tenants or individuals receiving housing subsidies to transition
4 to permanent housing and reduce dependency on public housing and
5 rent supplement assistance.

6 (b) The study shall include but not be limited to the
7 following:

- 8 (1) Creating a homeownership savings program for
9 individuals in public housing by setting aside a
10 portion of the monthly rental payments;
- 11 (2) Developing further, the individual development account
12 program established under chapter 257, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, to assist with first-time homeownership;
- 14 (3) Considering a formal request to the United States
15 Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow
16 tenants who exceed income limits to be evicted from
17 federally-funded housing;



1 (4) Considering increasing maximum rent amounts that can
2 be charged to families whose income increases, in
3 higher amounts than the current caps allow;

4 (5) Establishing a timeline to address the repair and
5 maintenance of vacant units; and

6 (6) Methods for involving the community to assist with the
7 repair of vacant units, such as establishing a
8 volunteer requirement or using the existing eight-hour
9 United States Department of Housing and Urban
10 Development volunteer requirement.

11 (c) The Hawaii public housing authority shall submit a
12 report to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,
13 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
14 prior to the regular session of 2009. The authority shall also
15 send a copy of the report to members of Hawaii's congressional
16 delegation.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Housing Incentives; Study

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to conduct a study on creating incentives for public housing tenants to transition into permanent housing. (HB2813 HD1)

