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# 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 the closure of Del  
2 Monte Fresh Produce will have a significant adverse effect on  
3 pineapple workers. Housing ranks among their primary concerns.  
4 Currently, many employees, retirees, and their families live in  
5 plantation homes owned by the company at the Kunia camp and by  
6 Hawaiian Island Homes at the Poamoho camp. With the closure of  
7 Del Monte Fresh Produce, many of these families face the  
8 possibility of losing their homes. Housing is a fundamental  
9 need, to which every person should have access.

10           With the loss of their jobs, many pineapple workers and  
11 retirees will undergo a transition period as they seek new  
12 employment, participate in job training programs, or seek other  
13 opportunities. While employee incomes may be greatly  
14 diminished, workers and retirees must continue to make their  
15 housing payments and meet other living expenses. Many former  
16 employees and retirees in transition may find it difficult to  
17 retain their homes.



1 The legislature finds that providing assistance to these  
2 workers, retirees, and their families is for the benefit of the  
3 public health, safety, and welfare of the State.

4 The purpose of this Act is to assist former Del Monte Fresh  
5 Produce pineapple workers and retirees in danger of losing their  
6 homes by establishing a pineapple workers and retirees housing  
7 assistance fund to help eligible homeowners keep up with their  
8 mortgage payments and provide rental subsidies.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§201H- Pineapple workers and retirees housing  
13 assistance fund; established. (a) There is established in the  
14 state treasury the pineapple workers and retirees housing  
15 assistance fund to provide mortgage payments or rent subsidies  
16 for eligible Del Monte Fresh Produce pineapple workers and  
17 retirees and their families who are displaced or affected by the  
18 closure of Del Monte Fresh Produce. The pineapple workers and  
19 retirees housing assistance fund shall be administered by the  
20 corporation.

21 (b) Moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section  
22 shall be deposited into the pineapple workers and retirees



1 housing assistance fund; provided that, upon fulfillment of the  
2 purposes of this section, all unencumbered moneys shall lapse  
3 into the general fund. The corporation shall establish  
4 guidelines with respect to eligible Del Monte Fresh Produce  
5 pineapple workers and retirees and mortgage payments or rental  
6 assistance payments under this section.

7 (c) The corporation shall adopt rules in accordance with  
8 chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 for fiscal  
11 year 2007-2008 and the same sum for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
12 deposit into the pineapple workers and retirees housing  
13 assistance fund established under section 201H- , Hawaii  
14 Revised Statutes.

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the pineapple  
16 workers and retirees housing assistance fund the sum of  
17 \$600,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2007-2008 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be  
19 necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to provide mortgage payments  
20 or rent subsidies for eligible Del Monte Fresh Produce pineapple  
21 workers and retirees and their families who are displaced or



1 affected by the closure of Del Monte Fresh Produce and to fund  
2 related administrative activities.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
4 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



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**Report Title:**

Housing; Pineapple Workers and Retirees

**Description:**

Establishes a pineapple workers and retirees housing assistance fund for mortgage payment assistance and rental subsidies for displaced or affected workers. Appropriates funds. (HB835 CD1)

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