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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1                                   **PART I. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

2           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the homeless and  
3 affordable housing crises continue to be one of the State's most  
4 significant and challenging social problems. The most recent  
5 estimate of the total number of homeless persons in the State is  
6 six thousand twenty nine on any given day. In addition, the  
7 Hawaii Homeless Point-in-Time Study of 2003 found that over four  
8 thousand of these homeless persons are unsheltered. This is  
9 indicative of the limited shelter space available in the State.

10           Also troubling is the fact that a staggering thirty-seven  
11 per cent of the unsheltered homeless are individuals of Hawaiian  
12 or part-Hawaiian ancestry. Equally troubling is the fact that  
13 on any given day, there are eight hundred thirty-eight homeless  
14 children in the State.

15           None of these numbers reflect the number of people who are  
16 considered hidden homeless or those who are at-risk of  
17 homelessness.



1           The legislature recognizes that meaningful solutions to  
2 Hawaii's housing and homeless problem must be found.

3           The purpose of this Act is to:

4           (1) Provide funding for various homeless shelters and  
5 transitional housing programs and services;

6           (2) Require the Hawaii finance and development corporation  
7 to create an affordable housing inventory registry to  
8 identify state and county lands that may be used for  
9 affordable housing;

10          (3) Extend the sunset date for the allocation of fifty per  
11 cent of conveyance tax revenues to the rental housing  
12 trust fund to June 30, 2009; and

13          (4) Provide funding for various affordable and public  
14 housing programs.

15   **PART II. THE HOMELESS**

16          SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   , or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2007-2008,  
19 for homeless facilities, emergency shelters, and transitional  
20 shelters, as defined by section 356D-121, Hawaii Revised  
21 Statutes.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public  
2 housing authority for the purposes of this section.

3           SECTION 3. 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 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2008-2009, to provider agencies, as defined by section  
8 356D-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, who offer outreach and/or  
9 support services to unsheltered homeless, at risk homeless, and  
10 those residing in homeless facilities, including emergency  
11 shelters and transitional shelters.

12           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of human services for the purposes of this section.

14                           **PART III. AFFORDABLE AND PUBLIC HOUSING**

15           SECTION 4. Section 201H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           " ~~[+]~~§201H-6 ~~[+]~~ **Housing advocacy and information system.**

18           (a) The corporation, with the assistance of other agencies of  
19 the State and counties with related responsibilities, shall  
20 develop and maintain a housing advocacy and information system  
21 to aid the corporation in meeting the needs and demands of  
22 housing consumers.



1           (b) In establishing and maintaining the housing advocacy  
2 and information system, the corporation shall conduct market  
3 studies, engage in community outreach, and solicit  
4 recommendations from and statistics and research developed by  
5 agencies of the United States, the State, the counties, private  
6 research organizations, nonprofit community groups, trade  
7 associations, including those of the construction and real  
8 estate industries, departments, individuals at the University of  
9 Hawaii, and housing consumers.

10           (c) The corporation shall analyze the information received  
11 and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies and  
12 developers.

13           (d) The corporation, through the housing advocacy and  
14 information system, shall act as a clearinghouse for information  
15 relating to housing conditions, needs, supply, demand,  
16 characteristics, developments, trends in federal housing  
17 programs, and housing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

18           (e) The housing advocacy and information system may be  
19 used by housing researchers, planners, administrators, and  
20 developers and shall be coordinated with other housing research  
21 efforts. The corporation shall maintain a current supply of



1 information, including means to gather new information through  
2 surveys, contracted research, and investigations.

3 (f) The corporation, through the housing advocacy and  
4 information system, and with the assistance of other agencies of  
5 the State and counties with related responsibilities, shall  
6 develop and maintain an affordable housing inventory registry to  
7 identify state and county lands that may be developed for  
8 affordable housing, as defined in section 201H-57(b)."

9 SECTION 5. Act 100, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is  
10 amended by amending section 30 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 30. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006;  
12 provided that on June 30, [~~2007~~] 2009, section 21 shall be  
13 repealed and section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be  
14 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the  
15 approval of this Act."

16 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2008-2009, to the rental housing trust fund for the  
21 planning, development, and construction of affordable housing in  
22 cooperation with private and nonprofit developers.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
3 this section.

4           SECTION 7. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
5 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                   , or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year  
8 2007-2008, to the dwelling unit revolving fund for the planning,  
9 development, and construction of four thousand affordable  
10 housing units in cooperation with private developers.

11           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
12 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
13 this section.

14           SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   , or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for  
17 the repair and maintenance of existing federal and state public  
18 housing buildings.

19           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public  
20 housing authority.

21           SECTION 9. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
22 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$                   , or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary, and the same sum, or so much  
2 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for fiscal year  
3 2007-2008, for the repair and maintenance of elevators in  
4 existing federal and state public housing buildings.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
6 public housing authority for the purposes of this section.

7 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
10 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
11 year 2008-2009, for the construction of public housing  
12 communities and the assistance of nonprofit organizations in  
13 development and management of the communities.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
15 public housing authority for the purposes of this section.

16 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2008-2009, to the Hale Kokua program established by section  
21 356D-143, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 public housing authority for the purposes of this section.

3 PART IV.

4 SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007;  
7 provided that section 5 of this Act shall take effect on  
8 June 29, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Housing Omnibus Bill

**Description:**

Extends the sunset date for the allocation of fifty per cent of conveyance tax revenues to the rental housing trust fund to June 30, 2009. Requires the Hawaii finance and development corporation to create an affordable housing inventory registry. Appropriates funds for various homeless and housing programs and projects.

