
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. When the federal weed and seed initiative was
2 in effect at Mayor Wright homes public housing complex several
3 years ago, residents saw a significant improvement in their
4 neighborhood. However, the conditions in public housing, of
5 which Mayor Wright homes public housing complex is one example,
6 have deteriorated. The complex was recently the site of a
7 shooting and has experienced disturbances between the tenants
8 and their neighbors. In addition, there have been several
9 instances of public drunkenness and excessive noise.

10 The purpose of this Act is to improve security measures in
11 public housing by:

12 (1) Appropriating funds for the contract hiring of
13 additional security guards and state or county law
14 enforcement officers; and

15 (2) Requiring the Hawaii public housing authority to
16 submit a report to the legislature on the progress of
17 public housing security improvements.



1 SECTION 2. The Hawaii public housing authority shall
2 submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days
3 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009 on the
4 progress of security improvements in public housing, including:

- 5 (1) The actions taken to improve the safety and security
6 of the residents of public housing;
- 7 (2) The plans made with the management of the various
8 public housing projects, their tenants, and other
9 stakeholders to further improve security;
- 10 (3) An estimate of the number of additional security
11 guards and state or county law enforcement officers
12 that are required to ensure the safety of the tenants
13 and guests of the various public housing projects on a
14 twenty-four-hour basis; and
- 15 (4) Any other findings and recommendations, including
16 proposed legislation, regarding the security situation
17 of public housing projects.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
21 the contract hiring of additional security guards and state and
22 county law enforcement officers for public housing.



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

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



Report Title:

Public Housing; Security Appropriation; Report

Description:

Appropriates funds for the contract hiring of full-time security guards and state or county law enforcement officers for public housing projects; requires a report to the legislature on the progress of security improvements. (SD1)

