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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The lack of affordable housing in Hawaii is one  
2 of the major concerns for the people in Hawaii who do not own a  
3 home. To aid in resolving that concern, a fund to grant the  
4 department of Hawaiian home lands to gather industry experts and  
5 community leaders to identify key strategies and approaches to  
6 expanding the production of affordable housing units, including  
7 self-help, multi-family, and single family units, that are owned  
8 and operated by nonprofit developers and community organizations  
9 is needed. The pilot project would initially be started on  
10 Hawaiian homestead lands.

11           In order to create sustainable economic development  
12 projects, a pilot nonprofit developer consultation project  
13 program needs to be established to examine and produce  
14 recommendations to increase the participation of community based  
15 organizations in development projects. The program is also  
16 needed to identify new and existing community based  
17 organizations that have the capacity to build affordable housing



1 in order to reduce the reliance on private sector developers and  
 2 to meet the affordable housing needs of beneficiaries of the  
 3 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended. This project  
 4 furthers the goals of the department of Hawaiian home lands by  
 5 pursuing the self determination within homestead communities,  
 6 and also furthers the goals of the department of Hawaiian home  
 7 lands' native Hawaiian community development plan.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish and make an  
 9 appropriation for a pilot nonprofit developer consultation  
 10 project program of the department of Hawaiian home lands.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2008-2009  
 14 for the pilot nonprofit developer consultation project program  
 15 of the department of Hawaiian home lands.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 17 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

Community Based Organizations; Nonprofit Developers;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to establish a pilot nonprofit developer consultation project program within the department of Hawaiian home lands in an effort to increase nonprofit developers in Hawaii.

