
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 American
2 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, (ARRA)
3 combines tax relief and government spending totaling
4 \$787,000,000,000 to jump start the nation's economy. Hawaii
5 will be eligible to receive a portion of this federal funding
6 through formula grants and competitive applications. The
7 legislature further finds that the federal funds could
8 supplement the State's continued efforts to assist the homeless,
9 rehabilitate aging public housing stock, and preserve and build
10 affordable housing.

11 Through ARRA, Hawaii is projected to receive:

12 (1) HOME Investment Partnerships Program. \$9,600,000 to
13 enable state and county government, in partnership
14 with community-based organizations, to acquire,
15 construct, and rehabilitate affordable housing and
16 provide rental assistance to poor families;



1 (2) Public Housing Capital Fund. \$16,300,000 for public
2 housing agencies to address a backlog in capital
3 needs, especially those improving energy efficiency in
4 aging buildings; and

5 (3) Homelessness Prevention Fund. \$6,200,000 for short-
6 or medium-term rental assistance, first and last month
7 of rental payment, or utility payment.

8 The expanded home buyer tax credit will be available for
9 home purchases after December 31, 2008. Hawaii's first-time
10 home buyers will benefit from an increase in the current credit
11 from \$7,500 to \$8,000, as well as the extension of the
12 expiration date from July 1, 2009, to December 1, 2009, and
13 elimination of the repayment requirement. In addition, the
14 prohibition against combining the tax credit with mortgage
15 revenue bonds has been lifted.

16 Hawaii will compete with other states for a portion of the
17 \$2,000,000,000 in rental assistance for full-year payments to
18 owners receiving section 8 project-based rental assistance, and
19 an additional \$2,000,000,000 directed to the Neighborhood
20 Stabilization Program.



1 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for various
2 affordable housing, public housing, and homeless programs and
3 projects.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to:

7 (1) Assist developers in contracting for third party
8 review and certification, including inspections,
9 discretionary permits, and ministerial permits; and

10 (2) Expedite the processing and issuance of building
11 permits for affordable housing projects;

12 provided that, to qualify for funding under this part, an
13 affordable housing project shall offer not less than forty per
14 cent of all units, whether rental or for-sale, in leasehold or
15 fee simple, at prices or rents that are affordable to persons
16 earning eighty per cent or less of the area median income as
17 determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
20 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
21 this part.



1 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that public housing
2 projects are continuing to deteriorate due to a lack of timely
3 maintenance and repair. As a consequence, housing units are in
4 danger of becoming or have already become uninhabitable.
5 Currently, the public housing authority receives \$1,500,000
6 annually for repair and maintenance; however, these funds are
7 insufficient to keep public housing units in decent, sanitary,
8 and livable conditions.

9 The purpose of this part is to appropriate an additional
10 \$ for repair and maintenance to satisfactorily maintain
11 these vital housing resources.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for repair
15 and maintenance of public housing projects.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
17 housing authority for the purposes of this part.

18 SECTION 5. The legislature finds that improved safety
19 measures are needed at public housing projects. While the 2007
20 Hawaii state legislature appropriated general funds for public
21 housing security needs, additional funding is required to



1 sufficiently address the arduous security problems plaguing
2 housing projects.

3 The purpose of this part is to continue the work begun in
4 the 2007 regular session by appropriating funds for security to
5 protect state-owned public housing property and to create a
6 safer environment for public housing tenants and the surrounding
7 community.

8 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for
11 providing security in public housing projects.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
13 housing authority for the purposes of this part.

14 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,300,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for
17 outreach or support services, or both, to unsheltered homeless,
18 at-risk homeless, and those residing in homeless facilities,
19 including emergency shelters, pursuant to the purchase of
20 service agreements under chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
21 This appropriation shall be used for the provision of continual
22 operational funds to provide matching funds for shelter plus



1 care grants and supportive housing programs and operational
2 funds for nonprofit agencies to develop affordable housing.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
4 housing authority for purposes of this part.

5 SECTION 8. The appropriations made in sections 4, 6, and 7
6 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for
7 which the appropriation is made; provided that all
8 appropriations that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2012, shall
9 lapse as of that date into the appropriate fund.

10 SECTION 9. If any provision of this Act, or the
11 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
12 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
13 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
14 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
15 of this Act are severable.

16 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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