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

4 "§201H- Public notice requirements. (a)

5 Notwithstanding any other public hearing provision in this
6 chapter to the contrary, prior to the development of any
7 affordable housing project, the board shall conduct public
8 hearings pursuant to this section.

9 (b) The hearings shall be held at locations that are in
10 close proximity to those areas proposed for development. A
11 public hearing notice, including a description of the proposed
12 development plans, an invitation for public comment, and a
13 statement of the date, time, and place where persons may be
14 heard, shall be posted in a newspaper with a statewide
15 circulation on three separate days and mailed pursuant to this
16 section, not less than twenty days prior to the hearing.



1 Copies of the notice shall be mailed to the corporation,
2 the department of business, economic development, and tourism,
3 and to all owners of record of real estate within five miles of
4 the area being proposed for development at addresses as shown on
5 the current real property tax rolls at the county real property
6 tax office. Upon that action, the requirement for notification
7 of owners of land is completed.

8 For the purposes of this subsection, notice to one co-owner
9 of property shall be notice to all co-owners.

10 (c) The hearing shall be held before the board and shall
11 not be delegated to any agent or representative of the board.
12 All persons and agencies shall be afforded the opportunity to
13 submit data, views, and arguments either orally or in writing."

14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: Clarence D. Fisher



Report Title:

Affordable Housing; Public Notice

Description:

Requires the board of directors of the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to provide public notice, conduct a public hearing to allow public comment prior to the development of any affordable housing project.

