
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that neglect and
2 disrepair continue to plague state public housing projects and
3 that housing tenants must take a more active role in reducing
4 maintenance costs by properly caring for their housing units,
5 especially during the current economic crisis.

6 The purpose of this Act is to encourage public housing
7 tenants to play a more active role in maintaining their housing
8 project by holding public housing tenants directly responsible
9 for damages caused to a housing unit or community facility by
10 the tenant.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§356D- Damaged property; community facility and
15 individual units; reimbursement. (a) If any community facility
16 is damaged by the misconduct of any unit tenant, the authority
17 may seek reimbursement for the cost of repair from the unit
18 tenant.



1 (b) If any unit is damaged by a tenant of the unit, the
2 authority shall seek reimbursement for the cost of repair from
3 the unit tenant."

4 SECTION 3. Section 356D-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[~~+~~]**\$356D-42**[~~+~~] **Housing; tenant selection.** Subject to the
7 following limitations and preferences, the authority shall
8 select tenants [~~upon the basis of those in greatest need~~] for
9 the particular housing. The authority may limit the tenants of
10 any state low-income housing project to classes of persons when
11 required by federal law or regulation as a term or condition of
12 obtaining assistance from the federal government [~~. Within the~~
13 ~~priorities established by the authority recognizing need~~],
14 including veterans with a permanent disability of ten per cent
15 or more as certified by the United States Department of Veterans
16 Affairs, the dependent parents of the veteran, and the deceased
17 veteran's widow, who shall be given first preference."

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Housing; Community Facility Area Assessment

Description:

Allows the public housing authority to seek reimbursement from the tenant responsible for damages to the community facility area and any unit. Deletes references to a prospective tenant's need with respect to tenant selection procedures.

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