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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 356D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) If a vacancy occurs for the resident member seat on  
4 the board, the resident advisory board shall compile a list of  
5 no less than three but no more than five individuals for the  
6 governor's consideration for appointment to the board; provided  
7 that the nominees to the board shall be:

- 8           (1) Participants who are directly assisted by the  
9 authority under the federal public housing or section  
10 8 tenant-based programs and who need not be members of  
11 the resident advisory board;
- 12           (2) At least eighteen years of age; and
- 13           (3) Authorized members of the assisted household."

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY REQUEST  
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H. B. NO. 2543

**Report Title:**

Public Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Board of Directors; Resident Board Member Nomination

**Description:**

Reduces the minimum number of resident board member candidates from five to three that must be submitted by the Resident Advisory Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for consideration by the Governor for appointment to the Authority's Board of Directors.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

PURPOSE: To allow the Resident Advisory Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to provide a list of at least three but no more than five names of individuals to the Governor for consideration for appointment to the resident member seat on the Board of Directors. This allows flexibility in providing a list with fewer than the five names currently required.

MEANS: Amend section 356D-6(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: When a vacancy occurs for the resident member seat on the HPHA Board of Directors, section 356D-6(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Resident Advisory Board of the HPHA to develop a list of interested, qualified individuals for consideration by the Governor for appointment to the Board. The current statute requires the Resident Advisory Board to provide the names of five individuals. In situations where there are not five interested individuals, the Resident Advisory Board is unable to provide a list to the Governor for consideration, which can cause the resident member seat on the Board of Directors to remain vacant for extended periods. This, in turn, deprives the residents of their voice on the Board of Directors and endangers the receipt of Federal funds since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the Board of Directors to have a resident member. By amending the section 356D-6(a) to allow the Resident Advisory Board to submit a list of at least three but no more than five names to the Governor, the Resident Advisory Board is better positioned

to provide the most serious, qualified, and interested candidates while still providing a diverse selection for the Governor's consideration.

Impact on the public: There should be a positive impact on the public since the Resident Advisory Board would have an easier time recruiting and filling the resident member seat on the Board of Directors.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.