
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DELETING STATE PUBLIC HOUSING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding to part III a new section to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§356D- Delinquent accounts. (a) Notwithstanding
5 section 40-82, the authority, with the approval of the attorney
6 general, may delete from its account receivable records
7 delinquent accounts for vacated units within state low-income
8 public housing projects that have been delinquent for at least
9 90 days.

10 (b) The delinquent accounts may be assigned to a
11 collection agency."

12 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Public Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; State Public Housing; Delinquent Accounts

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to delete delinquent accounts receivable records for state low-income public housing projects that have been delinquent at least ninety days and also authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to assign delinquent accounts to a collection agency.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaii Public Housing Authority (Human Services)

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DELETING STATE PUBLIC HOUSING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

PURPOSE: To exempt the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) from section 40-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), in order to delete from its accounts receivable records accounts for vacated units within state low-income public housing that have been delinquent over ninety days.

MEANS: Add a new section to part III of chapter 356D, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Section 356D-32(a) and (b), HRS, currently allows the HPHA to delete delinquent balance records for units vacated and over ninety days delinquent exempt from section 40-82, HRS, in the administration of the federal low-income public housing program. There are no similar statutory provisions for the administration of the state low-income public housing program, which means that any account receivable must be delinquent for more than two years and meet the requirements of section 40-82, HRS. In the interest of consistency across program administration for the HPHA and its property managers, the HPHA requests provisions for state low-income public housing program administration similar to section 356D-32(a) and (b), HRS. A single, consistent, streamlined process can be followed by all parties involved in order to maintain accurate records and pursue delinquent debts owed to the HPHA.

Impact on the public: There should be a positive impact on the public as the HPHA will more quickly be able to delete from its accounts receivable records uncollectible

debts from the state low-income public housing program in the same manner as under the federal low-income public housing program. This will reduce the negative impact of such long-term uncollectible accounts on the HPHA's financial statements.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
This amendment would permit the HPHA to streamline and more efficiently and uniformly process delinquent account referrals, exempt from the requirements of section 40-82, HRS.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Revolving funds.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HMS 220.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of the Attorney General.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.