
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SENIOR RESIDENCE AT PIIKOI, OAHU.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii State
2 Planning Act establishes objectives and policies for housing in
3 Hawaii, including:
- 4 (1) Providing "[g]reater opportunities for Hawaii's people
5 to secure reasonably priced, safe, sanitary, and
6 livable homes, located in suitable environments that
7 satisfactorily accommodate the needs and desires of
8 families and individuals, through collaboration and
9 cooperation between government and nonprofit and for-
10 profit developers to ensure that more affordable
11 housing is made available to very low-, low- and
12 moderate-income segments of Hawaii's population"; and
- 13 (2) "The development and provision of affordable rental
14 housing by the State to meet housing needs of Hawaii's
15 people."

16 The legislature further finds that with the aging of
17 Hawaii's population, the need for affordable rental housing
18 becomes especially acute for senior citizens. Nearly twenty-



1 nine per cent of Hawaii's population is over fifty years of age.
2 Facing challenging economic conditions, the ability to meet
3 monthly housing expenses is a constant and growing concern for
4 senior renters.

5 The legislature further finds that a 2006 study found that
6 "without incentives, tax credits, or financing breaks, a private
7 for-profit developer would have to absorb [an] approximately
8 \$200,000 loss per affordable unit ... [with] high-end homes
9 subsidizing the affordable units." The study raised the
10 certainty that "developers cannot be expected to foot the bill
11 entirely for Hawaii's affordable housing crisis." One way the
12 State can provide assistance to senior renters is to subsidize
13 building costs through lower costs of land, financing, or
14 construction costs.

15 The legislature further finds that the Senior Residence at
16 Piikoi is an example of the confluence of the State's housing
17 objectives and policies. Located in the Ala Moana/Kakaako area
18 of the city and county of Honolulu in the vicinity of a major
19 shopping mall, park and recreational facilities, quality medical
20 care, public bus transportation, and the proposed fixed rail
21 rapid transit system, this project is well situated for seniors.
22 While this ideally located project is planned as a seventy-two-



1 unit affordable rental development for seniors with an income of
2 no more than sixty per cent of the median income level (\$43,260
3 for one person; \$49,440 for two persons), monthly rents are
4 targeted at fifty per cent of median income level. The project
5 consists of a five-story low rise building with seventy-two one-
6 bedroom units, community space and office space, with parking
7 for forty-six vehicles, on .73 acres that will be gifted to the
8 State. This project will greatly add to the rental housing
9 needs of Hawaii's aging population.

10 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
11 general obligation bonds and make an appropriation for the
12 construction of the Senior Residence at Piikoi.

13 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
14 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$10,000,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
16 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2013-2014
17 for the construction of the Senior Residence at Piikoi, Oahu, an
18 affordable rental housing project consisting of seventy-two
19 affordable, elderly rental apartments; community space; office
20 space; and on-site parking.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
22 community development authority for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2016, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds for the construction of the Senior Residence at Piikoi, an affordable senior rental housing project on Oahu. (SD1)

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