
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 356D-44, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§356D-44 Administration of state low-income public**
4 **housing projects and programs.** (a) The authority shall
5 construct, develop, and administer property or housing for the
6 purpose of state low-income public housing projects and
7 programs.

8 (b) The authority shall offer any decommissioned low-
9 income public housing project, except for federal housing
10 projects, to nonprofit or for-profit organizations or government
11 agencies for rehabilitation into emergency or transitional
12 shelter facilities for the homeless or rehabilitation into
13 rental units that set aside at least fifty per cent of the units
14 to persons or families with incomes at or below fifty per cent
15 of the area median family income; provided that:

16 (1) The housing project is wholly owned by the State on
17 either state-owned or ceded lands;



1 (2) The authority has determined that the housing project
2 is not eligible for rehabilitation using the
3 authority's current resources; and

4 (3) The nonprofit or for-profit organization or government
5 agency demonstrates expertise in rehabilitation of
6 housing projects and has community, public, and
7 private resources to substantially pay for the
8 rehabilitation.

9 The land and improvements may be leased to the nonprofit or for-
10 profit organization or government agency for a period not to
11 exceed ninety-nine years for a sum of \$1 per year.

12 (c) The authority may allow law enforcement officers who
13 would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in the state low-
14 income public housing projects, to reside in a state low-income
15 public housing dwelling unit for the purpose of increasing
16 security, crime prevention, or crime intervention efforts, or to
17 enforce all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, for
18 residents of a public housing development.

19 For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer"
20 means a person determined by the authority to be, during the
21 period of residence of that person in public housing, employed
22 as a professional police officer or sheriff or other law



1 enforcement officer by a federal, state, or local government or
2 by any agency of these governments.

3 ~~[-e-]~~ (d) State low-income housing projects shall be
4 subject to chapter 521.

5 ~~[-d-]~~ (e) The authority shall adopt necessary rules in
6 accordance with chapter 91, including the establishment and
7 collection of reasonable fees for administering the state low-
8 income housing projects or programs and to carry out any state
9 program under subsection (a)."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon on July 1,
13 2050.



Report Title:

State Low-income Public Housing; Security

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii public housing authority to allow law enforcement officers who would not otherwise be eligible to occupy a state low-income public housing project, to reside in a state low-income public housing for the purpose of increasing security and safety for the public housing development residents. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD1)

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