
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 356D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

4 " (a) The authority may:

5 (1) Sue and be sued;

6 (2) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

7 (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments
8 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers;

9 [~~and~~]

10 (4) Adopt bylaws and rules in accordance with chapter 91
11 for its organization, internal management, and to
12 carry into effect its purposes, powers, and
13 programs[-];

14 (5) Sell, lease, rent, hold, maintain, use, and operate
15 any property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or
16 intangible, in support of its purposes, powers, and
17 programs; provided that the sale of real property
18 shall be subject to legislative approval;



- 1 (6) Receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise
2 from any source, any property, real, personal, or
3 mixed, intangible or tangible, absolutely or in trust,
4 to be used and disposed of, either the principal or
5 the income thereof, for the benefit only of the
6 residents assisted by its programs; provided that no
7 gift to the authority that has an estimated value of
8 \$1,000 or more shall be accepted unless approved or
9 confirmed by the board; and
- 10 (7) Engage the services of volunteers as deemed
11 appropriate by the authority without regard to chapter
12 76, 89, 90, 103, or 103D."

PART II

14 SECTION 2. Section 356D-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
16 follows:

17 "~~§356D-31~~ **Rentals and tenant selection.** (a) In the
18 operation or management of federal public housing projects, the
19 authority (acting directly or by an agent or agents) at all
20 times shall observe the following duties with respect to rentals
21 and tenant selection:



- 1 (1) It may establish maximum limits of annual net income
2 for tenant selection in any public housing project,
3 less such exemptions as may be authorized by federal
4 regulations pertaining to public housing. The
5 authority may agree to conditions as to tenant
6 eligibility or preference required by the federal
7 government pursuant to federal law in any contract for
8 financial assistance with the authority; provided that
9 the legislature shall determine any preference not
10 established pursuant to federal law;
- 11 (2) It may rent or lease the dwelling units therein only
12 at rentals within the financial reach of persons who
13 lack the amount of income that it determines to be
14 necessary to obtain safe, sanitary, and uncongested
15 dwelling accommodations within the area of operation
16 of the authority and to provide an adequate standard
17 of living; and
- 18 (3) It may rent or lease to a tenant a dwelling consisting
19 of the number of rooms (but no greater number) that it
20 deems necessary to provide safe and sanitary
21 accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof,
22 without overcrowding."



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

3 "~~§356D-42~~ **Housing; tenant selection.** (a) Subject
4 to the following limitations and preferences, the authority
5 shall select tenants upon the basis of those in greatest need
6 for the particular housing. The authority may limit the tenants
7 of any state low-income housing project to classes of persons
8 when required by federal law or regulation as a term or
9 condition of obtaining assistance from the federal government.
10 Within the priorities established by the authority recognizing
11 need, veterans with a permanent disability of ten per cent or
12 more as certified by the United States Department of Veterans
13 Affairs, the dependent parents of the veteran, and the deceased
14 veteran's widow shall be given first preference.

15 (b) Except for any preference established by federal law,
16 the legislature shall establish any preferences."

17 PART III

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 on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; General Powers

Description:

Authorizes Hawaii Public Housing Authority to receive, use, and dispose of property and sell real property subject to legislative approval; receive gifts to benefit public housing residents; and use volunteer services. Requires public housing preferences, other than those required by federal law, be established by the legislature. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB82 HD2)

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