
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 police officers, who would
13 otherwise be ineligible for low-income public housing, to reside
14 in one or more state low-income public housing dwelling units
15 for the purposes of increasing security, preventing crime,
16 implementing crime intervention efforts, and enforcing laws,
17 regulations, and housing policies; provided that each police
18 officer shall be issued and shall use a clearly marked police
19 vehicle.

20 For purposes of this section, "police officer" means a
21 person determined by the authority to be, during the period of
22 residence of that person in public housing, employed by the



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1 State or any county, or by the United States, vested by law with
 2 a duty to maintain public order, to make arrests for offenses,
 3 or to enforce the criminal laws, whether that duty extends to
 4 all offenses or is limited to a specific class of offenses.

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

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

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to allow police officers who would otherwise be ineligible to reside low-income housing, to reside in state low-income public housing for purposes of increasing the security and safety of the residents.

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