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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION
OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§356D- Housing choice voucher program administration.
5 Only household members listed at the time of the issuance of a
6 section 8 housing choice voucher, may retain the voucher. A
7 voucher shall be returned to the authority upon the vacancy by
8 the last original household member; provided that, where the
9 original head or co-head of the household are survived by a
10 minor or minors who were subsequently added to the household,
11 the household may retain the voucher until the last of the
12 minors who were added to the household reach the age of twenty-
13 one. Any legal guardian that is added to the household to care
14 for the minor or minors, must be eligible for participation in
15 the section 8 housing choice voucher program, and shall not
16 retain the voucher after the minor or minors reach the age of
17 twenty-one."

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1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Housing Choice Voucher Program

Description:

Allows only original household members to retain a Section 8 Housing Choice voucher. Requires vouchers to be returned to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority when all original members are no longer in the household.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Hawaii Public Housing Authority

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

PURPOSE: To prevent circumventing the waitlist process for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

MEANS: Add a new section to chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Housing Choice Voucher program allows people to live outside of public housing and does not have an expiration date. Currently, it is permissible for original members of the household to add more people to the existing household. Therefore, when the original household members leave the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the new people that were subsequently added to the household end up inheriting the voucher. This circumvents the waitlist process and adds to the slow movement on the waitlist. Needy families on the waitlist wait that much longer.

Impact on the public: There should be a positive impact on people who are waitlisted since the list will move faster when vouchers are returned to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and redistributed.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Federal Funds; Revolving Funds.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HMS 220; HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.