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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that affordable housing  
3 is a serious concern for many Hawaii residents. According to  
4 the *2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study*, up to fifty thousand new  
5 housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the new  
6 demand generated by changing demographics and economic  
7 conditions. Failure to produce sufficient units for low- and  
8 moderate-income households will cause pent-up demand in these  
9 market segments.

10 The legislature also finds that according to the *Hawaii*  
11 *Public Housing Authority Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2013*, the  
12 Hawaii public housing authority's public housing stock still has  
13 extensive and growing capital needs, currently estimated at  
14 \$500,000,000, that continue to be underfunded by the United  
15 States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to various  
17 housing agencies to improve the quality of existing public and



1 affordable housing stock and increase the supply of affordable  
2 and public housing units in the State.

3 PART II

4 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
5 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
7 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016  
8 for deposit into the rental housing trust fund established  
9 pursuant to section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the rental housing  
11 trust fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
14 purposes set forth in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
16 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
17 this part.

18 PART III

19 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
20 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
22 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016 to



1 be deposited into the dwelling unit revolving fund established  
2 pursuant to section 201H-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the dwelling unit  
4 revolving fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
7 development of infrastructure and improvements of on-site and  
8 off-site development.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
10 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
11 this part.

12 PART IV

13 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2016-2017 for the construction of micro apartment housing units.

18 For the purposes of this part, "micro apartment housing  
19 unit" means a dwelling unit with a total floor area of not less  
20 than two hundred twenty square feet, and not more than three  
21 hundred twenty square feet for not more than two occupants, and  
22 containing a separate closet, kitchen sink, cooking appliance,



1 refrigeration facilities, and separate bathroom containing a  
2 toilet and a bathtub or shower. The minimum and maximum total  
3 floor area shall increase an additional one hundred square feet  
4 for each occupant in excess of two.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
6 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
7 this part.

8 PART V

9 SECTION 7. Native Hawaiians are disproportionately  
10 represented among Hawaii's homeless at twenty-eight per cent of  
11 the homeless served. The legislature finds that homelessness is  
12 often a revolving door for many native Hawaiian families who  
13 struggle with stability and affordable housing and that  
14 increasing the availability of housing on homestead land will go  
15 a long way in improving the stability of native Hawaiian  
16 households.

17 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
21 2016-2017 to construct housing for native Hawaiian beneficiaries  
22 on department of Hawaiian home lands homestead land.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this part.

3 PART VI

4 SECTION 9. Many veterans fall into homelessness due to the  
5 shortage of affordable housing. According to the United States  
6 Department of Veterans Affairs, one out of every six men and  
7 women in our nation's homeless shelters are veterans.

8 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
12 2016-2017 to build affordable housing projects for veterans.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
14 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
15 this part.

16 PART VII

17 SECTION 11. No later than twenty days prior to the  
18 convening of the regular sessions of 2016 and 2017, the Hawaii  
19 housing finance and development corporation and the department  
20 of Hawaiian home lands shall each submit to the legislature a  
21 report regarding the set-aside plan for upkeep and maintenance



1 of the housing facilities to be constructed pursuant to this  
2 Act.

3 SECTION 12. The appropriations made in parts II and III of  
4 this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for  
5 which the appropriations are made; provided that all moneys from  
6 the appropriations unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse  
7 as of that date.

8 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Housing Omnibus; Affordable Housing

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to several state agencies for the purposes of improving and increasing the existing public and affordable housing stock in the State. Requires a report to the 2016 and 2017 legislature on the set-aside plan for upkeep and maintenance of the housing facilities to be constructed. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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