
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " [†]§356D-6.5[†] Prohibition on smoking in and around
4 public housing; designated smoking areas. (a) Smoking shall be
5 prohibited in any public housing project, elder or elderly
6 household, as defined in section 356D-1, or state low-income
7 housing project, as defined in section 356D-51, within:

8 (1) Each individual housing unit;

9 (2) All common areas;

10 (3) Community facilities; and

11 (4) Twenty feet from each individual building of the
12 public housing project or state low-income housing
13 project, and from any entrance, exit, window, and
14 ventilation intake that serves an enclosed or
15 partially enclosed area.

16 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the authority may
17 designate one or more permissible smoking areas at least twenty



1 feet away from any residential or other building, or any greater
2 distance away as may ensure that the secondhand smoke does not
3 infiltrate any dwelling unit.

4 (c) The authority shall place and maintain "No smoking"
5 signage at all entrances and exits of the property. The
6 authority may display additional "No smoking" signage at
7 residential and community facilities at their entrances and
8 exits, offices, and in or at enclosed, partially enclosed, or
9 open common areas for the purpose of conspicuous notice.

10 (d) The authority shall document each violation and retain
11 all violations on a resident's record permanently, including for
12 the duration of any existing lease agreement with the authority
13 and applied to any future lease agreements with the authority.
14 Violations shall run consecutively rather than concurrently.

15 [~~d~~] (e) The authority may adopt rules pursuant to
16 chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section.

17 [~~e~~] (f) For purposes of this section:

18 "Common areas" means roofs, halls, sidewalks, corridors,
19 lobbies, stairs, stairways, fire escapes, entrances and exits of
20 the building or buildings, basements, yards, gardens,
21 recreational facilities, parking areas, storage spaces, and



1 other parts of the project or household normally in common use
2 or other areas designated by the authority.

3 "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying
4 any lighted or heated tobacco product or plant product intended
5 for inhalation in any manner or in any form.

6 "Violation" means the commission of any act prohibited by
7 subsection (a). A violation includes but is not limited to:

8 (1) Any circumstance where authority staff, law
9 enforcement, on-site security, or any other official
10 entity charged with oversight of the premises:

11 (A) Witnesses a tenant, a nonresident, a guest who is
12 visiting a resident, or any member of the
13 resident's household smoking in any of the
14 prohibited areas;

15 (B) Witnesses a smoking product, lit or unlit, in an
16 ashtray, receptacle, or other location within any
17 individual housing unit, including plumbing
18 fixtures clogged by a smoking product or products
19 and attributable to that individual unit;

20 (C) Witnesses smoke-clogged filters, smoking smells
21 emanating from an individual unit, or both;



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1 (D) Finds smoke film damage to walls or other
2 structural surfaces in the unit of a tenant,
3 licensee, or other occupant who moves in on or
4 after July 1, 2016; or

5 (E) Witnesses any ashtray or similar receptacle
6 containing smoking product ash in any individual
7 housing unit; and

8 (2) Security camera evidence or other photo documentary
9 evidence establishing clear and convincing identity of
10 a resident smoking, holding, or carrying a lit smoking
11 product in any of the prohibited areas."

12 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Public Housing; Smoking; Violations

Description:

Requires the Hawaii public housing authority to document violations related to prohibited acts of smoking. Defines the term "violation" as it relates to prohibited acts of smoking in and around public housing.

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