
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Housing choice voucher program. No county shall
5 disqualify a legal nonconforming dwelling unit from the housing
6 choice voucher program if the unit meets zoning and building
7 code requirements and other program standards for health and
8 safety."

9 SECTION 2. Section 356D-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 " [+]§356D-13.5[+] Housing choice voucher program
12 administration. (a) Any housing choice voucher program voucher
13 issued by the authority shall automatically be returned to the
14 authority upon the death or removal from assistance of the last
15 original household member; provided that, where the original
16 head or co-head of the household is survived by a minor who was
17 subsequently added to the household by birth, adoption, or court
18 order and the family properly reported the birth, adoption, or



1 court order to the authority, the household may retain the
2 voucher until the youngest minor added to the household reaches
3 the age of twenty-one, or reaches the age of twenty-three if the
4 youngest minor is a full-time student at a business school,
5 technical school, college, community college, or university. No
6 legal guardian shall be added to the household to care for the
7 minor or minors unless the legal guardian is also eligible for
8 participation in the housing choice voucher program; provided
9 further that any legal guardian added to the household shall not
10 retain the voucher after the youngest minor has reached the age
11 of twenty-one, or has reached the age of twenty-three if the
12 youngest minor is a full-time student at a business school,
13 technical school, college, community college, or university.

14 (b) The authority shall not disqualify a legal
15 nonconforming dwelling unit from the housing choice voucher
16 program if the unit meets zoning and building code requirements
17 and other program standards for health and safety."

18 SECTION 3. If any part of this Act is found to be in
19 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
20 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
21 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent



1 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly
2 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the
3 remainder of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Housing; Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Description:

Prohibits any county and the Hawaii public housing authority from disqualifying a legal nonconforming dwelling unit from the housing choice voucher program if the unit meets zoning and building code requirements and other program standards for health and safety. (SD1)

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