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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii public housing authority was
2 established by Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. Its
3 mission is to provide Hawaii residents with affordable housing
4 and shelter without discrimination, and it focuses on developing
5 affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing, and
6 the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the
7 people of Hawaii.

8 During the first year of fiscal biennium 2015-2017, the
9 Hawaii public housing authority is requesting thirty new exempt
10 full-time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service
11 positions to be primarily responsible for the repair and
12 maintenance of low-income public housing properties through
13 carpentry, electrical, and plumbing work.

14 According to a memorandum received from the department of
15 human resources development dated January 3, 2012, the board of
16 electricians and plumbers determined that the building
17 maintenance worker series class specifications should not



1 include the ability to perform certain carpentry, electrical,
2 and plumbing work. However, with over \$255,000,000 budgeted,
3 and over \$100,000,000 in construction contracts to improve the
4 living conditions for our residents, these thirty multi-skilled
5 worker positions are needed to address the future repair and
6 maintenance of our low-income public housing properties.

7 A flexible, multi-skilled workforce will allow the Hawaii
8 public housing authority the ability to schedule and arrange
9 staff in multiple areas of repair and maintenance that require
10 increased manpower at any time and for any duration at our low-
11 income public housing properties. This allows the Hawaii public
12 housing authority the ability to schedule and arrange the work
13 of these multi-skilled workers to best suit the needs of the
14 agency, maintain multiple low-income housing properties at a
15 high level that would otherwise leave repair and maintenance
16 idle, and focus on the living environment and safety needs of
17 the residents at our low-income public housing properties.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,214,491 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



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1 2016-2017 to establish thirty full-time equivalent permanent
 2 multi-skilled worker civil service positions (30.00 FTE) in the
 3 Hawaii public housing authority to assist and support public
 4 housing operations statewide.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
 6 public housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Multi-Skilled Workers;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for 30 permanent full-time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service positions to assist the Hawaii public housing authority in repair and maintenance of low-income housing properties.

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