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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 2006. 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 full-  
10 time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service positions to  
11 be primarily responsible for the repair and maintenance of low-  
12 income public housing properties through carpentry, electrical,  
13 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  
18 include the ability to perform certain carpentry, electrical,



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

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

17 SECTION 2. There are established thirty full-time  
18 equivalent (30.00 FTE) permanent multi-skilled worker civil  
19 service positions in the Hawaii public housing authority to  
20 assist and support public housing operations statewide.

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



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Multi-skilled Workers

**Description:**

Establishes 30 permanent full-time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service positions in the Hawaii public housing authority to assist and support public housing operations statewide. (SD1)

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