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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 201H-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           " [†] §201H-31 [‡] **Criteria.** In administering this chapter  
4 and other laws of the State applicable to the supplying of  
5 housing or the assistance in obtaining housing, the corporation  
6 shall give preference to those applicants most in need of  
7 assistance in obtaining housing, in light of the amount of  
8 moneys available for the various programs. In doing so, the  
9 corporation shall take into consideration the applicant's  
10 household income and number of dependents; the age of the  
11 applicant; the physical disabilities of the applicant or those  
12 living with the applicant; whether or not the present housing of  
13 the applicant is below standard; whether or not the applicant's  
14 need for housing has arisen by reason of displacement of the  
15 applicant by governmental actions; and other factors as it may  
16 deem pertinent. The corporation shall also give priority to



1 those applicants who work within twenty-five miles of the  
2 housing applied for."

3 SECTION 2. Section 206E-4.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§206E-4.2[+] **Reserved and workforce housing units;**  
6 **transfer to qualified nonprofit housing trust[-]; priority.** (a)

7 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the authority may  
8 authorize a designated qualified nonprofit housing trust to  
9 administer the covenants and rules related to the reserved  
10 housing and workforce housing programs. Additionally, the  
11 authority may waive its right to repurchase a reserved or  
12 workforce housing unit during the restriction period and may  
13 transfer that right of repurchase to a qualified nonprofit  
14 housing trust for the purpose of maintaining the reserved or  
15 workforce housing unit as an affordable housing unit. If the  
16 repurchase rights are transferred to a qualified nonprofit  
17 housing trust, the restrictions prescribed in this chapter or in  
18 rules adopted by the authority shall be automatically  
19 extinguished and shall not attach in subsequent transfers of  
20 title; provided further that the qualified nonprofit housing  
21 trust shall establish new buyback restrictions for the purpose



1 of maintaining the unit as affordable for as long as  
2 practicable, or as otherwise required by the authority.

3 (b) A qualified nonprofit housing trust shall report the  
4 status and use of its housing units to the authority by November  
5 30 of each calendar year.

6 (c) Priority shall be given to applicants for reserved and  
7 workforce housing units who work within twenty-five miles of the  
8 reserved or workforce housing unit for which the applicant has  
9 applied."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:   




# S.B. NO. 873

**Report Title:**

Workforce Housing; Affordable Housing; Reserved Housing

**Description:**

Requires priority be given to affordable, reserved, and workforce housing applicants who work within twenty-five miles of the housing sought.

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