THE SENATE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021 STATE OF HAWAII

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JAN 2 2 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a serious need to develop affordable rental housing in Hawai'i to meet the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Addressing these needs will be a challenge because of the sheer number of units needed to meet demand and the various barriers to the development and preservation of affordable housing.

8 The legislature further finds that the rental housing 9 revolving fund provides loans to fill financing gaps to enable 10 the development, preservation, or rehabilitation of affordable 11 rental housing projects, including projects consisting of 12 housing units for persons and families at or below one hundred 13 per cent, eighty per cent, and thirty per cent of the median 14 family income. By creating a stable housing environment through 15 the construction, preservation, or rehabilitation of housing for 16 individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming

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1 homeless, other issues can be addressed that impact the 2 homeless, such as employment, job training, and health care. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds into and 3 4 out of the rental housing revolving fund for the purposes for which the fund was established, such as providing loans or 5 6 grants for the development, pre-development, construction, 7 acquisition, preservation, and substantial rehabilitation of 8 rental housing units.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000,000 or so 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and 12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 13 year 2022-2023 to be deposited into the rental housing revolving 14 fund established pursuant to section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised 15 Statutes.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the rental housing revolving fund established pursuant to section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the purposes for which the revolving fund was established.

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The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
this Act.
SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.
INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Rental Housing Revolving Fund; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Appropriation

Description:

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