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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to title 13 to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 HOUSING ADVOCATE

6 § -1 Office of the housing advocate; qualifications;
7 duties. (a) There is established the office of the housing
8 advocate, to be placed within the office of the governor for
9 administrative purposes only. The office shall be headed by the
10 housing advocate and funded by the general fund. The governor
11 shall appoint, without regard to chapter 76, the housing
12 advocate to serve a term of four years, concurrent with the term
13 of the governor; provided that if a vacancy occurs within the
14 four-year term, the governor shall appoint a replacement for the
15 remainder of the term. This appointment shall not be subject to
16 senate confirmation.



1 (b) The housing advocate shall carry out the objectives
2 and policies for socio-cultural advancement as it relates to
3 housing, as set forth in section 229-19, including the policy to
4 effectively accommodate the housing needs of Hawaii's people,
5 and the following:

6 (1) Identifying promising special and functional needs,
7 affordable and market stand-alone housing, and mixed-
8 use and master planned projects in each county;

9 (2) Facilitating projects through state government
10 departments and processes;

11 (3) Identifying state and local regulatory barriers to the
12 development of housing; and

13 (4) Making recommendations regarding policies, laws, and
14 rules, including taxation, land use, and financing, to
15 remove barriers to the development of housing."

16 SECTION 2. One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position
17 within the office of the governor shall be transferred to the
18 office of the housing advocate to establish one full-time
19 equivalent (1.0 FTE) position of the housing advocate.
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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S.B. NO. 2267

Report Title:

Office of the Housing Advocate; Office of the Governor

Description:

Establishes an Office of the Housing Advocate within the Office of the Governor. Transfers one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position within the Office of the Governor to the Office of the Housing Advocate to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position of the housing advocate.

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