



GOV. MSG. NO. 1200

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 21, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓ The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB674 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITY.
ACT 099

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 674
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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. Section 356D-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) In the operation or management of federal public
4 housing projects, the authority [†] acting directly or by an
5 agent or agents [‡] at all times shall observe the following
6 duties with respect to rentals and tenant selection:

7 (1) [††] The authority may establish maximum limits of
8 annual net income for tenant selection in any public
9 housing project, less [such] any exemptions as may be
10 authorized by federal regulations pertaining to public
11 housing. The authority may agree to conditions as to
12 tenant eligibility or preference required by the
13 federal government pursuant to federal law in any
14 contract for financial assistance with the authority;
15 [~~provided that not less than fifty per cent of~~
16 ~~available units shall be for applicants without~~



1 ~~preference and up to fifty per cent of available units~~
2 ~~shall be for applicants with preference.]~~

3 (2) [~~It~~] The authority may rent or lease the dwelling
4 units therein only at rentals within the financial
5 reach of persons who lack the amount of income that
6 [~~it~~] the authority determines to be necessary to
7 obtain safe, sanitary, and uncongested dwelling
8 accommodations within the area of operation of the
9 authority and to provide an adequate standard of
10 living; and

11 (3) [~~It~~] The authority may rent or lease to a tenant a
12 dwelling consisting of the number of rooms [~~+~~], but no
13 greater number [~~] that it~~], than the authority deems
14 necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations
15 to the proposed occupants thereof, without
16 overcrowding."

17 SECTION 2. Section 356D-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) The authority shall select tenants upon the basis of
20 those in greatest need for the particular housing, subject to
21 the following limitations and preferences:



- 1 (1) The authority may limit the tenants of any state low-
2 income housing project to classes of persons when
3 required by federal law or regulation as a term or
4 condition of obtaining assistance from the federal
5 government; [~~provided that not less than fifty per~~
6 ~~cent of available units shall be for applicants~~
7 ~~without preference and up to fifty per cent of~~
8 ~~available units shall be for applicants with~~
9 ~~preference;~~]
- 10 (2) Within the priorities established by the authority
11 recognizing need, veterans with a permanent disability
12 of ten per cent or more, as certified by the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs, and their
14 dependent parents, if any. The deceased veteran's
15 [~~widow or widower~~] spouse shall be given first
16 preference. Parents of veterans shall not use the
17 veteran status of their adult child as a basis for
18 preference; and
- 19 (3) Subject to any limitations set by federal law or
20 regulation, the authority shall not select as a
21 tenant, and may terminate the tenancy of, any person



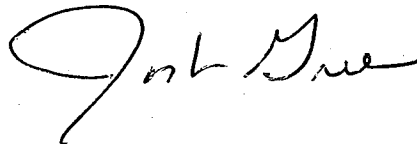
1 if the person or any household member owns or acquires
2 a home within the State."

3 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 21st day of June , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 674, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

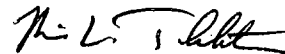
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

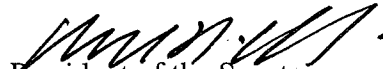



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate