

S.B. NO. 1366

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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 shall  
2 establish a two-year public housing tenant workforce training  
3 pilot program to provide public housing tenants with part-time,  
4 on-the-job paid training and work to gain knowledge and  
5 experience to fulfill the minimum qualifications needed for  
6 future part-time and full-time employment.

7           SECTION 2. The Hawaii public housing authority may enter  
8 into a contract with nonprofit organizations, for-profit  
9 organizations, or foundations to implement the public housing  
10 tenant upward mobility pilot program without regard to chapter  
11 103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

12           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2024-2025 for the implementation of the public housing tenant  
17 upward mobility pilot program, including all program costs.

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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 public housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Housing; Low-Income Public Housing Tenant Upward Mobility Program; Hawaii Public Housing Authority

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority public housing tenant upward mobility pilot program. Provides part-time on-the-job training to attain minimum qualifications needed for future part-time and full-time employment. Effective upon its approval.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

PURPOSE: To establish a two-year pilot program to contract out an on-the-job training program for public housing tenants to receive part-time, on-the-job training to gain knowledge and experience to attain the minimum qualifications needed for future part-time and full-time employment.

MEANS: Enact a session law to establish a two-year pilot program and appropriate funds.

JUSTIFICATION: Many public housing tenants lack the training and minimum requirements needed for work experience required to be employed.

This pilot program will look to empower public housing tenants to learn work skills and earn income to contribute to their family's wellbeing and the State's labor market.

With the Hawaii Public Housing Authority receiving a "Moving To Work" designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, this general funded pilot program will lead the way for expansion with federal funding, similar to how Act 287 will provide landlord incentives with the Housing Choice Voucher Program and continue/expand with federal funds.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: \$500,000.00 for each year for the fiscal biennium.

OTHER FUNDS:                   None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION:                   HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:                       None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:               UPON APPROVAL