EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Nadine Nakamura Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 602

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

ACT 027

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Jòsh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

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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 legislature finds that parking areas and
- 2 vacant land parcels under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii public
- 3 housing authority are places where incidents of vandalism and
- 4 other types of property damage often occurs. In addition,
- 5 residents of public housing are often forced to cope with
- 6 litter, trash, and excessive noise in the parking areas of
- public housing. These unsanitary circumstances and nuisances 7
- 8 are often times caused by persons who do not actually reside at
- 9 the public housing facility. The legislature further finds that
- 10 closing certain problem areas to the public, coupled with
- 11 appropriate signage and empowerment of law enforcement to police
- violators will better enable the Hawaii public housing authority 12
- 13 to mitigate or eliminate these concerns.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to expressly provide conditions
- 15 under which all parcels under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii
- 16 public housing authority and authority offices and facilities



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may be closed to the public so that trespassing violations may 1 be prosecuted as criminal trespass in the second degree. 2 3 SECTION 2. Section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended to read as follows: "[+]\$356D-6.7[+] Closed to the public. (a) Any area 5 6 within a housing project or on a parcel owned by the authority that is not a public street, road, highway, sidewalk, or county 7 8 or state bus stop, shall be closed to the public where signs are 9 displayed that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", 10 or a substantially similar message; provided that the signs: 11 (1)Contain letters no less than two inches in height; and 12 Are placed at reasonable intervals no less than three (2) 13 signs to a mile along the boundary line of the areas 14 that are closed to the public and at all entrances to the property, in a manner and position to be clearly 15 16 noticeable from outside the boundary line. (b) Any authority office or facility shall be closed to 17 18 the public during non-business hours where signs are displayed 19 that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing" or a 20 substantially similar message and include hours of operation. [(b)] (c) For the purposes of this section[÷ 21

- 1 "Housing project"], "housing project" means a public
- 2 housing project, elder or elderly housing, as defined in section
- 3 356D-1, or state low-income housing project, as defined in
- 4 section 356D-51."
- 5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



APPROVED this

23rd day of April , 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: March 4, 2025 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: **APR 0 8 2025** Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

Speaker, House of Representatives

Clerk, House of Representatives

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