JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ÅINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1127

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

Mahalo,

oh Green M.D.

Josh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

Approved by the Governor

ON <u>APR 2 3 2025</u> THE SENATE 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



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"Housing project"], "housing project" means a public 1 housing project, elder or elderly housing, as defined in section 2 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. 8 INTRODUCED BY:



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APPROVED this 23rd day of April , 2025

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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.

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Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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

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Speaker, House of Representatives

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Clerk, House of Representatives