

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Housing Projects.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 359-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§359-62 Tenant selection; dwelling accommodations; rentals.** In the administration of housing projects the Hawaii housing authority shall at all times observe the following duties in regard to tenant selections, dwelling accommodations, and rentals:

- (1) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall accept only elderly persons as tenants in the housing projects.
- (2) It may accept as tenants in any [such] housing project [a husband and wife, or two or more members of the same family;] one or more persons; provided[, ] that each [such] person is an elderly person. It may also accept as a tenant in any [such] dwelling accommodation or in any [such] project, in case of the illness or other disability of an elderly person who is a tenant in the dwelling accommodation or in the project, [such] a person [as shall be] designated by the elderly person as [his or her] the elderly person's companion and who is approved by the authority, although the person is not an elderly person; provided[, any such] that the person shall cease to be a tenant therein upon the recovery of, or removal from the project of, the elderly person.
- (3) It may rent or lease to an elderly person a dwelling accommodation consisting of [such] any number of rooms as [it] the authority deems necessary or advisable to provide safe and sanitary accommodations to the proposed occupant or occupants thereof without overcrowding.
- (4) Notwithstanding that the elderly person has no written rental agreement or that it has expired, so long as the elderly person continues to tender the usual rent to the authority or proceeds to tender receipts for rent lawfully withheld, no action or proceeding to recover possession of the dwelling unit may be maintained against the elderly person, nor shall the authority otherwise cause the elderly person to quit the dwelling unit involuntarily, demand an increase in rent from the elderly person,

or decrease the services to which the elderly person has been entitled during hospitalization of the elderly person due to illness or other disability.”

**SECTION 2.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 26, 1983.)