
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE
MINIMUM RENT SCHEDULE.

1 WHEREAS, under section 356D-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) must set the rental
3 rates for dwellings units in state low-income housing projects
4 to produce sufficient revenues to pay for all expenses of
5 management, operations, maintenance, repairs, and improvements,
6 and thereby remain self-supporting; and
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8 WHEREAS, a 2006 audit showed that routine operating
9 expenses for the state public housing program exceed budgeted
10 repair costs and deplete program revenues; and
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12 WHEREAS, the audit suggested increasing the minimum rent;
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15 WHEREAS, since 2005, HPHA has had an operating shortfall
16 every year requiring infusion of additional funds from the
17 Legislature: \$20 million in 2005; \$13.5 million in 2006; \$10.5
18 million in 2007; \$16 million in 2007; and \$17 million in 2008;
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21 WHEREAS, rental collections are \$1.2 million in arrears;
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24 WHEREAS, monthly rental rates for family housing are set
25 according to the following schedule: \$108 for a one-bedroom
26 unit; \$128 for a two-bedroom unit; \$152 for a three-bedroom
27 unit; \$180 for a four-bedroom unit; and \$212 for a five-bedroom
28 unit; and



1 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2010, HPHA needs over \$17 million
2 in additional operating funds, and due to the economic downturn,
3 the State no longer has additional funds available; now,
4 therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that HPHA is urged to increase
9 the minimum rent for state public housing to no less than \$250
10 per unit, with a yearly increase equal to the increase in
11 the cost of living index, provided that rent for any current
12 tenant in state public housing who is on a fixed income shall
13 not be subject to the rent increase for the remaining term of
14 the lease, so long as the tenant is in compliance with the
15 lease; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
19 and members of the Board of HPHA.

