
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTE A FIVE
YEAR MAXIMUM STAY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that one's environment may
2 lead to a cyclical nature of poverty perpetuating a lifestyle
3 that is inherited from generation to generation; and
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5 WHEREAS, families born into poverty and living in public
6 housing appear hopelessly caught in a self-fulfilling prophecy
7 of perpetual welfare and public housing; and
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9 WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to break this
10 vicious cycle urging the Hawaii Public Housing Board to limit
11 public housing tenancies to five years except for veterans,
12 elderly and disabled; and
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14 WHEREAS, although this policy may appear harsh, it is
15 intended to encourage and motivate upward economic mobility from
16 low- to moderate-income for families who are overly dependent on
17 public housing; and
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19 WHEREAS, this policy will promote integrity in the public
20 housing system to prevent "homesteading" and multi-generational
21 tenancy; and
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23 WHEREAS, this policy will also reduce housing fraud for
24 those who take cash jobs and do not report any income; and
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26 WHEREAS, it will also increase the supply of low-income
27 housing to give a fair opportunity to the 14,000 applicants on
28 the waiting list; and
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30 WHEREAS, limiting the tenancies to five years will
31 encourage those on public housing to become self-sufficient
32 within five years; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session

HR CAB 5year maximum stay4



1 of 2009, the Hawaii Public Housing Board is urged to institute a
2 five year maximum stay for public housing; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current public housing
5 tenants be adequately advise of the new policy; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the executive
9 director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the Board
10 members.

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