
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO HONOR H.C.R. NO. 282, H.D. 1, "URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM RENT SCHEDULE", THAT WAS ADOPTED DURING THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii Public Housing Authority's mission is to
2 provide adequate and affordable housing over the long term for
3 low-income individuals, which includes the management and
4 operation of public housing programs in the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii Public Housing Authority's scope of
7 responsibility includes collecting rent from housing tenants,
8 examining tenants' incomes annually, and repairing and
9 maintaining public housing facilities; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the State Auditor's report,
12 "Management Audit of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority," dated
13 June 2011:
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15 (1) Delays in turning around vacant units to new tenants
16 impact families waiting for public housing, rent
17 revenues, and overall funding available to the Hawaii
18 Public Housing Authority; and
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20 (2) Approximately 9,000 families are on the waiting list
21 for public housing and the average wait time is
22 between two and five years; and
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24 WHEREAS, there are tenants who pay no rent, minimal rent,
25 and are in arrears; and
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27 WHEREAS, section 356D-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
28 Hawaii Public Housing Authority to fix the rates of rentals for
29 dwelling units and other facilities in state low-income housing
30 projects at rates that will produce revenues that are sufficient



1 to pay all expenses of management, operation, and maintenance,
2 including other related costs, to the end that state low-income
3 housing projects are and remain self-supporting; and
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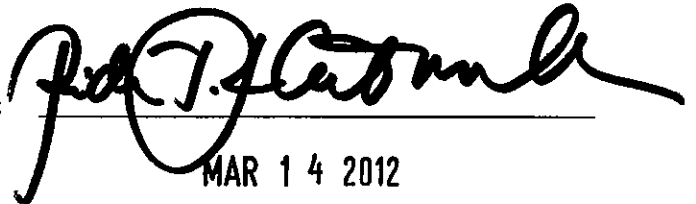
5 WHEREAS, in 2009, the Legislature adopted H.C.R. No. 282,
6 H.D. 1, which urged the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to
7 increase the minimum rent for state public housing to no less
8 than \$250 per unit, with a yearly increase equal to the increase
9 in the cost-of-living index, subject to certain conditions;
10 however; to date the remedies recommended by H.C.R. No. 282,
11 H.D. 1 have not been employed by the Authority; and
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13 WHEREAS, imposing a minimum rent schedule for low-income
14 housing would strengthen the availability of adequate and
15 affordable housing for low-income individuals; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2012, that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is urged to
20 honor H.C.R. No. 282, H.D. 1, "URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
21 AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM RENT SCHEDULE", that was
22 adopted during the Regular Session of 2009; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human
26 Services, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
27 Authority, and the Hawaii Regional Administrator of the United
28 States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
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