

JAN 17 2014

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELDERLY HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is an
2 increasing need for elderly housing, and that the need will
3 continue to grow as the baby boomer generation reaches
4 retirement age. Hawaii's elderly population exceeds the
5 national average. Consequently, the State must have a
6 heightened awareness of the aging population's needs, including
7 the increasing demand for affordable elderly housing. Elderly
8 housing units require special features such as emergency call
9 buttons, community facilities for congregate activities, and
10 support services to assist the elders with aging at home.

11 Currently the Hawaii public housing authority does not
12 operate any elderly-only facilities due to stringent federal
13 requirements that control the conversion of existing housing to
14 elderly-only housing. The legislature finds that adding an
15 elderly housing complex would allow the Hawaii public housing
16 authority to increase housing inventory and support operational
17 costs through rent revenue and potential federal subsidy.



1 The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to create needed
2 housing for the elderly by appropriating funds to the Hawaii
3 public housing authority to establish an elderly-only housing
4 complex at their School street location.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000,000 or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
8 the redevelopment of the Hawaii public housing authority's
9 administrative offices located on School street and the design
10 and construction of an elderly-only housing complex at the same
11 location.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
13 housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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S.B. NO. 2541

Report Title:

Elderly Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the redevelopment, design, and construction of the Hawaii public housing authority administrative offices on School street and the creation of an elderly-only housing complex.

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