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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that affordable housing  
3 is a serious concern for many Hawaii residents. According to  
4 the *2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study*, up to fifty thousand new  
5 housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the new  
6 demand generated by changing demographics and economic  
7 conditions. Failure to produce sufficient units for low- and  
8 moderate-income households will cause pent-up demand in these  
9 market segments.

10 The legislature also finds that according to the *Hawaii*  
11 *Public Housing Authority Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2013*, the  
12 Hawaii public housing authority's public housing stock still has  
13 extensive and growing capital needs, currently estimated at  
14 \$500,000,000, that continue to be underfunded by the United  
15 States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to various  
17 housing agencies to improve the quality of existing public and



1 affordable housing stock and increase the supply of affordable  
2 and public housing units in the State.

3 PART II

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
8 2016-2017 to improve the existing public housing stock and  
9 increase the supply of public housing units in the State.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
11 public housing authority for the purposes of this part.

12 PART III

13 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
14 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
16 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016  
17 for deposit into the rental housing trust fund established  
18 pursuant to section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the rental housing  
20 trust fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
21 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
2 purposes set forth in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
4 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
5 this part.

6 PART IV

7 SECTION 5. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
8 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
10 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016 to  
11 be deposited into the dwelling unit revolving fund established  
12 pursuant to section 201H-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the dwelling unit  
14 revolving fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
15 necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
17 development of infrastructure and improvements of on-site and  
18 off-site development.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
20 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
21 this part.



PART V

SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the construction of micro apartment housing units.

For the purposes of this part, "micro apartment housing unit" means a dwelling unit with a total floor area of not less than two hundred twenty square feet, and not more than three hundred twenty square feet for not more than two occupants, and containing a separate closet, kitchen sink, cooking appliance, refrigeration facilities, and separate bathroom containing a toilet and a bathtub or shower. The minimum and maximum total floor area shall increase an additional one hundred square feet for each occupant in excess of two.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of this part.

PART VI

SECTION 8. Native Hawaiians are disproportionately represented among Hawaii's homeless at twenty-eight per cent of the homeless served. The legislature finds that homelessness is



1 often a revolving door for many native Hawaiian families who  
2 struggle with stability and affordable housing and that  
3 increasing the availability of housing on homestead land will go  
4 a long way in improving the stability of native Hawaiian  
5 households.

6 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10 2016-2017 to construct housing for native Hawaiian beneficiaries  
11 on department of Hawaiian home lands homestead land.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this part.

14 PART VII

15 SECTION 10. Many veterans fall into homelessness due to  
16 the shortage of affordable housing. According to the United  
17 States Department of Veterans Affairs, one out of every six men  
18 and women in our nation's homeless shelters are veterans.

19 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2016-2017 to build affordable housing projects for veterans.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
4 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
5 this part.

6 PART VIII

7 SECTION 12. The appropriations made in parts III and IV of  
8 this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for  
9 which the appropriations are made; provided that all moneys from  
10 the appropriations unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse  
11 as of that date.

12 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Housing Omnibus; Affordable Housing

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to several state agencies for the purposes of improving and increasing the existing public and affordable housing stock in the State. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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