
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 Hawaii's housing
3 market suffers from a persistent shortage of housing,
4 particularly housing that is affordable to Hawaii's workforce
5 and lower income groups. Approximately thirty-six per cent of
6 Hawaii's households are cost-burdened, meaning that these
7 households pay more than thirty per cent of their income on
8 housing costs. About half of these households pay more than
9 fifty per cent of their income on housing. The *Hawai'i Housing*
10 *Planning Study 2016* reports that approximately 24,551 housing
11 units are estimated to be needed statewide from 2016 to 2020.
12 Of this total, approximately 13,500 units, or fifty-five per
13 cent, are needed for households earning eighty per cent and
14 below the area median income (AMI). Typically, these are rental
15 units.



1 for deposit into the rental housing revolving fund for the
2 purposes specified in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

6 PART III

7 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that one of the least
8 recognized segments of Hawaii's homeless population are
9 unaccompanied runaways and homeless youth. Between 2000 and
10 2010, thirty per cent of all juvenile arrests in Hawaii were
11 runaway arrests, which averaged 4,493 arrests per year.

12 Services and shelter space are critical to meet the needs of
13 this population, which is the most vulnerable to abuse and
14 exploitation.

15 The legislature further finds that a collaboration between
16 the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation and the
17 judiciary to redevelop an underutilized parcel of state land in
18 the urban core of Honolulu could construct both a juvenile
19 services and shelter center and a one hundred eighty unit
20 affordable family housing project.



1 The Hawaii public housing authority's aging housing stock
 2 continues to have an extensive capital need that is underfunded
 3 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
 4 Development. Additional funding is needed to modernize, repair,
 5 and maintain many of the State's public housing units.

6 The purpose of this part is to improve the quality of
 7 existing public housing in the State by authorizing the issuance
 8 of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds for this
 9 purpose.

10 SECTION 7. The director of finance is authorized to issue
 11 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$50,000,000 or so much
 12 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
 13 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018
 14 for public housing development, improvements, and renovations.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
 16 housing authority for the purposes of this part.

17 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much
 19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for public
 20 housing security improvements and renovation and repairs for
 21 vacant public housing units.



Report Title:

Affordable Housing; Public Housing; Multi-Use Juvenile Services and Shelter Center; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation funds for rental housing, mixed-use affordable rental housing, a multi-use juvenile services and shelter center, and public housing. Appropriates funds for public housing security improvements, renovation, and repairs. (HB488 HD1)

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