
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. In response to the need for affordable rental
2 housing units in Hawaii, the legislature passed Act 127, Session
3 Laws of Hawaii 2016, to establish an affordable rental housing
4 goal and establish a special action team to make recommendations
5 on actions to promote affordable housing.

6 Although the overall need for affordable housing is acute,
7 the shortage of housing for extremely low-income households is
8 particularly alarming. For example, according to the 2017
9 Annual Action Plan submitted by the Hawaii housing finance and
10 development corporation to the United States Department of
11 Housing and Urban Development, extremely low-income households
12 account for over eighty-five per cent of the households on the
13 Hawaii public housing authority's waitlists. As of March 31,
14 2017, 10,793 of the 11,783 households on the public housing
15 waitlist met the federal definition of extremely low-income and
16 5,719 of the 6,666 households on the section 8 waitlist met the
17 federal definition of extremely low-income.



1 The legislature finds that targeted policies and strategies
2 may need to be implemented by the state government to increase
3 the supply of affordable housing to meet the demand of extremely
4 low-income households.

5 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force that will
6 make recommendations on policies, strategies, and actions to
7 promote the development of housing for extremely low-income
8 households.

9 SECTION 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this Act:

10 "Area median income" means the most current median family
11 income for an area as estimated and adjusted for family size by
12 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

13 "Extremely low-income household" means a household whose
14 income does not exceed the higher of the federal poverty level
15 or thirty per cent of area median income.

16 "Household" includes a household of one individual.

17 SECTION 3. (a) There is established for administrative
18 purposes within the department of business, economic
19 development, and tourism a task force on housing for extremely
20 low-income households.



1 (b) The task force is established for the purpose of
2 providing guidance to the legislature on developing affordable
3 housing for extremely low-income households.

4 (c) The task force shall serve until January 2, 2019;
5 provided that the members of the task force may represent
6 themselves as task force members after January 2, 2019, when
7 testifying or commenting on actions or recommendations of the
8 task force.

9 (d) The task force shall submit a report to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2019. The report shall contain the task
12 force's recommendations on policies, strategies, and actions to
13 be taken by the state government to support the development of
14 housing for extremely low-income households. The report shall
15 also include draft legislation for the development of housing
16 for extremely low-income households.

17 SECTION 4. Task force membership. (a) The task force
18 shall be composed of the following members:

19 (1) Two members of the house of representatives, to be
20 appointed by the speaker of the house of
21 representatives;



- 1 (2) Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
- 2 president of the senate;
- 3 (3) A representative from each county, to be appointed by
- 4 the mayor of the respective county;
- 5 (4) The director of public safety;
- 6 (5) The executive director of the Hawaii housing finance
- 7 and development corporation;
- 8 (6) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing
- 9 authority;
- 10 (7) The director of human services;
- 11 (8) The director of health;
- 12 (9) Two members of the public to represent non-profit
- 13 developers with experience in housing development, one
- 14 to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 15 representatives and one to be appointed by the
- 16 president of the senate;
- 17 (10) Two members of the public to represent for-profit
- 18 developers with experience in housing development, one
- 19 to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 20 representatives and one to be appointed by the
- 21 president of the senate;



1 (11) The chair of the special action team on affordable
2 rental housing established pursuant to Act 127,
3 Session Laws of Hawaii 2016;

4 (12) One of the co-chairs of the Hawaii interagency council
5 for transit-oriented development; and

6 (13) The chair of the Hawaii interagency council on
7 homelessness.

8 (b) The task force shall be co-chaired by the two members
9 of the senate and the two members of the house of
10 representatives appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(1) and (2).

11 (c) The task force co-chairs shall invite a representative
12 of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
13 to serve as a member of the task force.

14 (d) A task force member may designate another officer or
15 employee of the member's department or agency or member's
16 representative group to attend one or more meetings in the place
17 of the member. The task force member shall make the designation
18 in writing and submit it to the task force co-chairs before the
19 meeting that the designee is to attend. The designation may
20 apply to more than one meeting or the entire term of the task



1 force. The designation may be withdrawn at any time by written
2 notice to the task force co-chairs.

3 A designee of a task force member shall have all rights and
4 privileges of the member while serving as a designee.

5 (e) Members of the task force who are public officers or
6 employees shall receive no additional compensation for service
7 on the task force beyond their normal compensation but shall be
8 reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred for service on the
9 task force. No member of the task force shall be made subject
10 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
11 member's participation on the task force.

12 SECTION 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated out of
13 the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$
14 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019
15 for administration and operation of the task force on housing
16 for extremely low-income households.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
19 this Act.



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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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