
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§107- Publicly funded residential housing;
5 visitability standards. (a) In addition to the requirements
6 set out in section 107-25, beginning January 1, 2019, the Hawaii
7 state building codes shall require that all renovation or
8 construction of publicly funded residential housing shall
9 incorporate housing visitability standards set out in subsection
10 (b).

11 (b) Housing visitability standards are minimum standards
12 to provide accessibility and safety for individuals with
13 disabilities when visiting or using residential space,
14 including:

15 (1) At least one zero-step entrance into a home, on an
16 accessible route leading from a driveway or public
17 sidewalk;



- 1 (2) Interior doors with at least thirty-two inches of
2 clear passage space through which a wheelchair user
3 may navigate;
- 4 (3) At least one wheelchair-accessible full bathroom on
5 the main floor of the home that is large enough for a
6 person to access in a wheelchair and close the door;
- 7 (4) At least one accessible bedroom on the main floor of
8 the home;
- 9 (5) Hallways with at least thirty-six inches of clear
10 passage to allow maneuvering space for a wheelchair
11 user;
- 12 (6) Light switches and electrical outlets that are
13 accessible to a person using a wheelchair; and
- 14 (7) Smoke detectors that permit both visible and audible
15 detection of an alarm.
- 16 (c) For the purposes of this section, "publicly funded
17 residential housing" means residential housing developed or
18 financed through the use of public funds pursuant to chapter
19 201H or 356D."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§201H- Visitability standards. Beginning January 1,
5 2019, all construction or renovation of housing projects
6 intended for residential use developed or financed under this
7 chapter shall comply with visitability standards set out in
8 section 107- ."

9 SECTION 3. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "§356D- Visitability standards. Beginning January 1,
13 2019, all construction or renovation of housing projects
14 intended for residential use developed or financed under this
15 chapter shall comply with visitability standards set out in
16 section 107- ."

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Publicly Funded Residential Housing; Visitability Standards

Description:

Requires that construction and renovation of publicly funded residential housing incorporate housing visitability standards.

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