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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING EVICTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 356D-64, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 "(e) Upon eviction, the household goods and personal
4 effects of the tenant against whom the order is entered, and
5 those of any persons using the premises incident to the tenant's
6 holding, may be removed from the premises and stored by the
7 authority. If the action is taken, the authority shall have a
8 lien on the property taken for the expenses incurred by the
9 authority in moving and storing the property, and the authority
10 is authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the property if
11 unclaimed after [~~thirty~~] fourteen days."

12 SECTION 2. Section 356D-94, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

14 "(e) Upon eviction, the household goods and personal
15 effects of the person against whom the order is entered, and
16 those of any persons using the premises incident to the person's
17 holding, may be removed from the premises and stored by the
18 authority. If the action is taken, the authority shall have a

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1 lien on the property so taken for the expenses incurred by it in
2 moving and storing the same, and the authority is authorized to
3 sell or otherwise dispose of the property if unclaimed after
4 [~~thirty~~] fourteen days."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Public Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Evictions;
Tenants

Description:

Reduces the time required to store unclaimed personal effects of
an evicted tenant.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING EVICTIONS.

PURPOSE: To reduce the period of time the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is required to store the unclaimed property of an evicted tenant from thirty to fourteen days.

MEANS: Amend sections 356D-64(e) and 356D-94(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: When a tenant is evicted, oftentimes the HPHA is forced to store their belongings. In most circumstances, the HPHA does not have other available storage where the evicted tenant's property can be stored, and the property is then stored in the vacated unit. This delays repair work and placement of a new family into State low-income or Federal low-income public housing. Before an eviction, the HPHA provides ample warnings to a tenant that all household members and personal belongings must be removed from the unit.

Impact on the public: The HPHA anticipates this bill will have a significantly positive impact on low-income families on the State low-income and Federal low-income public housing waiting lists as it will reduce the average vacancy period for dwelling units.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The HPHA anticipates that this bill will help the State low-income and Federal low-income public housing programs remain more financially sustainable. By reducing the average vacancy period between tenants, the HPHA stands to collect more in rents and reinvest those funds into preserving our aging housing inventory.

GENERAL FUND: None.

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OTHER FUNDS: None .

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: None .

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None .

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval .