## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 201H-181, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) through (b) to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 "[+] \$201H-181[+] Rent-to-own program. (a) The
- 5 corporation may establish a rent-to-own program under which
- 6 dwelling units that are for sale:
- 7 (1) In fee simple; or
- 8 (2) Leasehold on state or county land under a lease with
- 9 an initial term of not less than ninety-nine years,
- 10 may be rented to program participants. Under this program, the
- 11 corporation shall credit a portion of the rent received toward
- 12 the purchase of the unit.
- (b) The sales price shall be established at the beginning
- 14 of the rental term and shall remain fixed for the first [five]
- 15 ten years after the rental agreement is executed. During this
- 16 period, the participant shall have the option of purchasing the
- 17 unit at the designated sales price. If the participant does not

- 1 elect to purchase the unit within the [five-year] ten-year
- 2 period, the renter shall forfeit the right to continue living in
- 3 the unit and the unit shall be made available to another
- 4 purchaser or renter."
- 5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Housing; Rent-to-Own Program; Fee Simple; Leasehold

## Description:

Clarifies that the dwelling units eligible for the Rent-to-Own Program shall be units that are for sale in fee simple or leasehold on state or county land under a lease with an initial term of not less than ninety-nine years. Increases the time period that the sales price of dwelling units under the Rent-to-Own Program shall remain fixed from five years to ten years after the rental agreement is executed. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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