
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part VIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§356D- Wait list requirements. Any individual or
5 family living in a transitional shelter, who is homeless or on
6 the public housing or section 8 wait lists, shall be eligible to
7 be included in the state rent supplement program wait list."

8 SECTION 2. Section 356D-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "~~[+]§356D-151[+]~~ **Rent supplements.** The authority is
11 authorized to make and contract to make annual payments to a
12 [~~"housing owner"~~] housing owner on behalf of a [~~"qualified~~
13 ~~tenant"~~,] qualified tenant as those terms are defined in this
14 part, in amounts and under circumstances as are prescribed [~~in~~
15 ~~or pursuant to this part. No payment on behalf of a qualified~~
16 ~~tenant shall exceed a segregated amount of \$160 a month.~~] by the
17 authority pursuant to rules adopted by the authority."



1 SECTION 3. Section 356D-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~[f]~~**§356D-153**~~[t]~~ **Qualified tenant; defined.** (a) As used
4 in this part, ~~[the term]~~ "qualified tenant" means any single
5 person or family, pursuant to criteria and procedures
6 established by the authority, who has been determined to have an
7 income not exceeding the ~~[very low income]~~ income limit as
8 determined by the authority pursuant to rules adopted by the
9 authority; provided that the income limit shall not exceed
10 ninety-five per cent of the area median income; provided further
11 that the qualified tenant's primary place of residence shall be
12 in the State or the qualified tenant intends to make the State
13 the qualified tenant's primary place of residence.

14 (b) The terms "qualified tenant" and "tenant" shall
15 include [a]:

16 (1) A member of a cooperative who satisfies the
17 ~~[foregoing]~~ requirements of subsection (a) and who,
18 upon resale of the member's membership to the
19 cooperative, will not be reimbursed for more than
20 fifty per cent of any equity increment accumulated
21 through payments under this part~~[-]~~; and



1 (2) A person living in a transitional shelter who
2 satisfies the requirements of subsection (a).

3 (c) With respect to members of a cooperative, as used in
4 this section, the terms "rental" and "rental charges" mean the
5 charges under the occupancy agreements between the members and
6 the cooperative."

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2008.



Report Title:

State Rent Supplement Program

Description:

Broadens participation in the state rent supplement program by removing the statutory limitation on the subsidy amount; increasing the income limits for participation from fifty per cent of area median income to ninety-five per cent of area median income; and including certain individuals and families living in transitional shelters to be included on the wait list.
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