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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that neighborhoods across  
2 the State are experiencing an increase in the number of homeless  
3 individuals living in the streets and parks. The housing crisis  
4 is affecting many individuals and families across the State  
5 including seniors, those with disabilities, and the working  
6 poor. An estimated twenty-one thousand eight hundred and ninety  
7 units, fifteen thousand five hundred and ninety on Oahu alone,  
8 are projected to be needed for households with less than eighty  
9 per cent of median income. It is imperative that planning for  
10 housing and homeless services include those with the lowest  
11 incomes in our state.

12           The purpose of this Act is to permanently increase the  
13 conveyance tax allocation to the rental housing trust fund and  
14 appropriate funds for various housing and homeless services.

15           SECTION 2. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           "**§247-7 Disposition of taxes.** All taxes collected under  
18 this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit  
19 of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for



1 the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists  
2 by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year:

3 (1) Ten per cent shall be paid into the land conservation  
4 fund established pursuant to section 173A-5;

5 (2) [~~Thirty~~] Sixty-five per cent shall be paid into the  
6 rental housing trust fund established by section  
7 [~~201G-432;~~] 201H-202; and

8 (3) Twenty-five per cent shall be paid into the natural  
9 area reserve fund established by section 195-9;  
10 provided that the funds paid into the natural area  
11 reserve fund shall be annually disbursed by the  
12 department of land and natural resources in the  
13 following priority:

14 (A) To natural area partnership and forest  
15 stewardship programs after joint consultation  
16 with the forest stewardship committee and the  
17 natural area reserves system commission;

18 (B) Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed  
19 management plans pursuant to section 171-58 or  
20 watershed management plans negotiated with  
21 private landowners, and management of the natural



1                    area reserves system pursuant to section 195-3;  
 2                    and  
 3                    (C) The youth conservation corps established under  
 4                    chapter 193."

5                    SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000,000 or so  
 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
 8 the sum of \$30,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary  
 9 for fiscal year 2008-2009 for deposit into the rental housing  
 10 trust fund.

11                    SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the rental housing  
 12 trust fund the sum of \$30,000,000 or so much thereof as may be  
 13 necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the sum of \$30,000,000  
 14 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009  
 15 for the purposes of the rental housing trust fund under section  
 16 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17                    SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
 19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the  
 20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 21 2008-2009 to repair and renovate state public housing.



1 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2008-2009 to provide continual operating funds for outreach  
6 and supportive services to individuals and families who are  
7 homeless.

8 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
12 year 2008-2009 to provide continual operating funds for  
13 emergency and transitional shelters to maintain and enhance  
14 support services for the homeless population located at homeless  
15 shelters.

16 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the  
19 sum of \$4,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
20 fiscal year 2008-2009 to provide continual operational funds to  
21 provide matching funds for shelter plus care grants.

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1 SECTION 9. The sums appropriated in section 3 shall be  
2 expended by the department of budget and finance for the  
3 purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 10. The sums appropriated in section 4 shall be  
5 expended by the Hawaii housing finance and development  
6 corporation for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 11. The sums appropriated in sections 5 through 8  
8 shall be expended by the Hawaii public housing authority for the  
9 purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Homeless; Public Housing

**Description:**

Increases the share of the conveyance tax dedicated to the Rental Housing Trust Fund to 65 percent. Appropriates funds to repair and renovate state public housing, provide outreach and support services to the homeless, operate emergency and transitional shelters, and for Shelter Plus Care grants. (HB150 HD1)

