## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

## 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 be appropriately designated 3 and to read as follows: 4 "§356D- Household member; divorce. (a) 5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the authority 6 shall not terminate the tenancy because of the divorce, 7 annulment, or legal separation of a tenant who meets the 8 provisions of subsection (b) upon the divorce, annulment, or 9 legal separation of the tenant. 10 (b) Upon divorce, annulment, or legal separation, a tenant 11 seeking to remain in the public housing project or complex shall 12 provide the authority with a certified copy of a divorce or 13 annulment decree or legal separation agreement that designates 14 the tenant as entitled to remain in the public housing project 15 or complex. 16 (c) If the divorce or annulment decree or legal separation
- 17 agreement does not specify which tenant is entitled to remain in
- 18 the public housing project or complex, the authority shall

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- 1 accept a written agreement from the tenants specifying which
- 2 tenant will remain in the public housing project or complex.
- 3 (d) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 4 as necessary to implement this section."
- 5 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 7 begun, before its effective date.
- 8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Termination of Tenancy

## Description:

Prohibits the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from terminating the tenancy of both tenants after a divorce or legal separation, upon meeting certain conditions. (HB2845 HD1)