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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the absence of a  
2 perpetually maintainable inventory of public and private  
3 affordable housing opportunities in the state constitutes a  
4 crisis that is leading to the detriment of Hawaii's social  
5 infrastructure and economic diversification efforts. Non-  
6 complex and fair legislative remedies exist to obviate these  
7 detrimental circumstances, and the implementation of such  
8 remedies constitutes a worthwhile public purpose.

9           The purpose of this Act is to create an affordable housing  
10 inventory advisory commission to identify, maintain, and report  
11 to the legislature estimates of the existing and potential  
12 supply of all categories of affordable housing and the existing  
13 and potential demand for affordable housing in the State.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:



- 1           "§201H- Affordable housing inventory advisory  
2 commission. (a) There is created an advisory commission to be  
3 known as the affordable housing inventory advisory commission,  
4 and to be placed within the Hawaii housing finance and  
5 development corporation for administrative purposes.
- 6           (b) The advisory commission shall consist of eleven  
7 members based on the following requirements:
- 8           (1) The governor shall appoint, not subject to section  
9           26-34:
- 10           (A) Two state legislators;  
11           (B) Two elected officials from any of the counties;  
12           and  
13           (C) One resident of the state; and
- 14           (2) Pursuant to section 26-34, the governor shall appoint:
- 15           (A) A real estate developer, who shall have a minimum  
16           of ten years of experience in the field;  
17           (B) A real estate attorney, who shall have a minimum  
18           of ten years of experience in the field;  
19           (C) A planning and zoning professional, who shall  
20           have a minimum of ten years of experience in the  
21           field;



1           (D) A real estate financing and banking professional,  
2           who shall have a minimum of ten years of  
3           experience in the field;

4           (E) An economist, who shall have a minimum of ten  
5           years of experience in the field; and

6           (F) The director of a nonprofit corporation dealing  
7           with housing issues, who shall have a minimum of  
8           ten years of experience in the field.

9           (c) Not later than twenty days prior to the opening of  
10          each regular legislative session, the advisory commission shall  
11          report to the legislature and shall provide:

12           (1) An estimate of the existing and potential supply of  
13           all categories of affordable housing in the state; and

14           (2) An estimate of the existing and potential demand for  
15           all categories of affordable housing in the state.

16           (d) The advisory commission shall make recommendations to  
17          relevant state or county agencies for the purpose of encouraging  
18          the creation, accumulation, and perpetual protection and use of  
19          a public inventory of thirty thousand affordable housing  
20          opportunities within the state; provided that this inventory  
21          shall include a minimum of twenty-five thousand rental housing  
22          opportunities.



1       (e) The advisory commission shall make recommendations to  
2 relevant state or county agencies for the purpose of encouraging  
3 the expansion of tax credit programs that facilitate the  
4 creation of affordable housing within the state."

5       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Affordable Housing; Affordable Housing Inventory Advisory  
Commission

**Description:**

Creates an affordable housing inventory advisory commission to identify, maintain, and report to the legislature on estimates of the existing and potential supply of all categories of affordable housing and the existing and potential demand for affordable housing in the State. Requires the commission to make recommendations to relevant state or county agencies to encourage affordable housing opportunities in the State. (HB906 HD1)

