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

3 "~~[+]§356D-151[+]~~ **Rent supplements.** The authority is
4 authorized to make and contract to make annual payments to a
5 [~~"housing owner"~~] housing owner on behalf of a [~~"qualified~~
6 ~~tenant"~~] qualified tenant as those terms are defined in this
7 part, in amounts and under circumstances as are prescribed [~~in~~
8 ~~or pursuant to this part. No payment on behalf of a qualified~~
9 ~~tenant shall exceed a segregated amount of \$160 a month.~~] by the
10 authority pursuant to rules adopted by the authority."

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

13 "~~[+]§356D-153[+]~~ **Qualified tenant; defined.** (a) As used
14 in this part, [~~the term~~] "qualified tenant" means any single
15 person or family, pursuant to criteria and procedures
16 established by the authority, who has been determined to have an
17 income not exceeding the [~~very low income~~] income limit as
18 determined by the authority pursuant to rules adopted by the



1 authority; provided that the qualified tenant's primary place of
2 residence shall be in the State or the qualified tenant intends
3 to make the State the qualified tenant's primary place of
4 residence.

5 (b) The terms "qualified tenant" and "tenant" shall
6 include [a]:

7 (1) A member of a cooperative who satisfies the
8 [~~foregoing~~] requirements of subsection (a) and who,
9 upon resale of the member's membership to the
10 cooperative, will not be reimbursed for more than
11 fifty per cent of any equity increment accumulated
12 through payments under this part[-]; and

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

15 (c) With respect to members of a cooperative, as used in
16 this section, the terms "rental" and "rental charges" mean the
17 charges under the occupancy agreements between the members and
18 the cooperative."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. 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 and increasing the income limits for participation from fifty per cent of area median income to ninety-five per cent of area median income. (SD1)

