
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO STREAMLINE THE
EVICTION PROCESS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA)
2 current eviction process is cumbersome and time consuming, and
3 HPHA's resources are limited and being depleted; and
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5 WHEREAS, overdue rental collections amount to approximately
6 \$1,200,000; and
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8 WHEREAS, monthly rental rates for family housing are priced
9 as follows: \$108 for a one-bedroom unit; \$128 for a two-bedroom
10 unit; \$152 for a three-bedroom unit; \$180 for a four-bedroom
11 unit; and \$212 for a five-bedroom unit; and
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13 WHEREAS, HPHA needs to implement a streamlined process to
14 evict residents who pose a danger to others, do not pay rent
15 when due, or otherwise violate rules; and
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17 WHEREAS, when a tenant has been delinquent in payment of
18 rent, HPHA, either directly or through a managing agent,
19 provides the tenant with a series of written notices and endures
20 a series of waiting periods; and
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22 WHEREAS, the current eviction process is lengthy and
23 complex, and may result in delaying the eviction of residents
24 who are not paying rent or whose behavior is disruptive or
25 dangerous to other residents; and
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27 WHEREAS, the eviction process should continue to provide
28 due process and a fair hearing, while eliminating redundant
29 notification and lengthy and repetitious waiting period
30 requirements; and

31 WHEREAS, there are currently over 14,000 people on the
32 waiting list for public housing and it is imperative that the
33 limited number of public housing units be available to those who
34 need them most, and who will meet their responsibilities by



1 complying with necessary community rules and paying rent when
2 due; and
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4 WHEREAS, the 2006 audit recommended that HPHA accept
5 working-poor individuals as tenants who are able to pay the rent
6 and refrain from accepting tenants who have criminal records and
7 bad rental payment histories; and
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9 WHEREAS, section 356D-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, mandates
10 that HPHA be self-sustaining with revenues to offset the cost of
11 administration, repairs, and new equipment; and
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13 WHEREAS, under current procedures, the eviction process can
14 take up to seven months between the time a violation occurs to
15 the time or eviction; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2009, that HPHA is urged to simplify and streamline the
20 eviction process to conform to federal guidelines; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Executive Director
24 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.
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