
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE
MINIMUM RENT SCHEDULE.

1 WHEREAS, under section 356D-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) must set the rental
3 rates for dwellings units in state low-income housing projects
4 to produce sufficient revenues to pay for all expenses of
5 management, operations, maintenance, repairs, and improvements,
6 and thereby remain self-supporting; and
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8 WHEREAS, a 2006 audit showed that routine operating
9 expenses for the state public housing program exceed budgeted
10 repair costs and deplete program revenues; and
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12 WHEREAS, the audit suggested increasing the minimum rent;
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15 WHEREAS, since 2005, HPHA has had an operating shortfall
16 every year requiring infusion of additional funds from the
17 Legislature: \$20 million in 2005; \$13.5 million in 2006; \$10.5
18 million in 2007; \$16 million in 2007; and \$17 million in 2008;
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21 WHEREAS, rental collections are \$1.2 million in arrears;
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24 WHEREAS, monthly rental rates for family housing are set
25 according to the following schedule: \$108 for a one-bedroom
26 unit; \$128 for a two-bedroom unit; \$152 for a three-bedroom
27 unit; \$180 for a four-bedroom unit; and \$212 for a five-bedroom
28 unit; and
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30 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2010, HPHA needs over \$17 million
31 in additional operating funds, and due to the economic downturn,
32 the State no longer has additional funds available; now,
33 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2009, that HPHA is urged to increase the minimum rent for
4 state public housing to no less than \$250 per unit, with a
5 yearly increase equal to the increase in the cost of living
6 index, provided that rent for any current tenant in state public
7 housing who is on a fixed income shall not be subject to the
8 rent increase for the remaining term of the lease, so long as
9 the tenant is in compliance with the lease; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director and members
13 of the Board of HPHA.

