A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lack of
 2 affordable housing in Hawaii is a significant social problem
 3 today. High home prices and rents have put homes out of reach
- 4 for many Hawaii residents and contributed to the homeless
- 5 problem in our State. In addition, the current economic climate
- ${f 6}$ has created problems for homeowners and renters to keep up with
- 7 their mortgages and rent, respectively.
- 8 The legislature finds and declares that the issuance of
- 9 general obligation bonds to develop infrastructure for
- 10 affordable housing is in the public interest and general welfare
- 11 of the State.
- 12 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
- 13 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
- 14 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
- 15 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2009-2010
- 16 for infrastructure to build affordable housing.

- 1 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 2 department of accounting and general services for the purposes
- 3 of this Act.
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

Report Title:

Affordable Housing; Infrastructure; General Obligation Bonds

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to develop infrastructure to build affordable housing. (SD1)