## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the affordable
- 2 housing crisis continues to be one of the State's most
- 3 significant and challenging social problems and is a critical
- 4 issue for many Hawaii residents. As the cost of housing
- 5 increases, the State must continue to assist residents in
- 6 obtaining affordable housing.
- 7 The legislature further finds that the housing loan and
- 8 mortgage program, familiarly known as the hula mae multifamily
- 9 revenue bond program, is an effective and widely used financing
- 10 tool for the development and preservation of affordable rental
- 11 housing. Since its inception, twenty series of bonds, including
- 12 one refunding series, totaling \$418,244,699 have been issued to
- 13 assist in the financing of 3,172 units statewide. In 2013,
- 14 additional requests for another \$236,284,974 in hula mae
- 15 multifamily bonds authorization were submitted.
- 16 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the hula mae
- 17 multifamily revenue bond program can continue to finance the
- 18 development and preservation of affordable rental housing in

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- 1 future years by increasing the hula mae multifamily revenue bond
- 2 authorization from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.
- SECTION 2. Act 291, Session Laws of Hawaii 1980, as 3
- 4 amended by Act 304, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, Act 185,
- 5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, Acts 231 and 249, Session Laws of
- 6 Hawaii 2007, Act 121, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, and Act 138,
- 7 Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, is amended by amending section 11
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 "SECTION 11. Issuance of revenue bond; amount authorized.
- **10** Revenue bonds may be issued by the Hawaii housing finance and
- 11 development corporation pursuant to part III, chapter 39 and
- 12 subpart A of part III of chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- **13** in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed [\$750,000,000]
- 14 \$1,000,000,000 at such times and in such amounts as the Hawaii
- 15 housing finance and development corporation deems advisable for
- 16 the purpose of undertaking and maintaining any of the housing
- **17** loan programs under subpart A of part III of chapter 201H,
- 18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the funding or purchasing
- 19 of eligible project loans."
- 20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

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## Report Title:

Housing; Hula Mae Multifamily Revenue Bonds

## Description:

Increases the Hula Mae Multifamily Revenue Bond authorization limit from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2251 HD1)

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