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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMEOWNERSHIP.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart B, to be		
3	appropriately designated and to read as follows:		
4	"§201H- Section 8 voucher homebuyer assistance program.		
5	(a) There is established within the corporation the section 8		
6	voucher homebuyer assistance program.		
7	(b) The section 8 voucher homebuyer assistance program		
8	shall offer home loans at below-market interest rates to		
9	recipients of federal section 8 housing choice vouchers who want		
10	to purchase homes in the State. Eligible borrowers shall be		
11	permitted to use their section 8 housing choice vouchers toward		
12	a monthly mortgage payment.		
13	(c) To qualify for the section 8 voucher homebuyer		
14	assistance program, an applicant shall:		
15	(1) Be a recipient of federal section 8 housing choice		
16	vouchers that are administered by a public housing		
17	authority of the State or of a county;		



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1	(2)	Be a first-time homebuyer who meets minimum credit,
2		income, and employment standards, which shall be
3		established by the public housing authority by rule;
4	(3)	Receive approval from a public housing authority
5		through a process that shall include an assessment to
6		determine whether an applicant is ready to purchase a
7		home; and
8	(4)	Use the loan to purchase a home in which the applicant
9		will reside year-round, and shall not use the loan to
10		purchase recreational, vacation, investment,
11		commercial, or rental properties.
12	(d)	The corporation may issue bonds pursuant to section
13	201H-71 t	o implement the purposes of this section.
14	<u>(e)</u>	The corporation shall adopt rules in accordance with
15	chapter 9	1 to implement this section."
16	SECT	ION 2. The Hawaii housing finance and development
17	corporati	on is authorized to issue revenue bonds, in accordance
18	with part	III of chapter 39 and section 201H-71, Hawaii Revised
19	Statutes,	in the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
20	necessary	and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
21	necessary	is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the



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purposes of establishing and implementing the section 8 voucher
 homebuyer assistance program, pursuant to section 1 of this Act,
 and funding the housing loan and mortgage program, pursuant to
 section 201H-71 and subpart B of part III of chapter 201H,
 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
7 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
8 this Act.

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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#### Report Title:

Homeownership; Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers; Section 8 Voucher Homebuyer Assistance Program; Established; Revenue Bonds; Authorization; Appropriation

#### Description:

Establishes within HHFDC the Section 8 Voucher Homebuyer Assistance Program for recipients of federal Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers who are first-time homebuyers. Authorizes issuance of revenue bonds. Appropriates funds.

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