
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§107- Publicly funded residential housing; visitability
5 standards. (a) In addition to the requirements set out in
6 section 107-25, beginning January 1, 2019, the Hawaii state
7 building codes may require that all renovation or construction
8 of publicly funded residential housing may incorporate housing
9 visitability standards set out in subsection (b).

10 (b) Housing visitability standards are minimum standards
11 to provide accessibility and safety for individuals with
12 disabilities when visiting or using residential space,
13 including:

14 (1) At least one zero-step entrance into a home, on an
15 accessible route leading from a driveway or public
16 sidewalk;



- 1 (2) Interior doors with at least thirty-two inches of
2 clear passage space through which a wheelchair user
3 may navigate;
- 4 (3) At least one wheelchair-accessible full bathroom on
5 the main floor of the home that is large enough for a
6 person to access in a wheelchair and close the door;
- 7 (4) At least one accessible bedroom on the main floor of
8 the home;
- 9 (5) Hallways with at least thirty-six inches of clear
10 passage to allow maneuvering space for a wheelchair
11 user;
- 12 (6) Light switches and electrical outlets that are
13 accessible to a person using a wheelchair; and
- 14 (7) Smoke detectors that permit both visible and audible
15 detection of an alarm.
- 16 (c) Nothing in this section may be construed to:
- 17 (1) Place a financial or administrative burden on the
18 operations or renovations of publicly funded
19 residential housing;
- 20 (2) Exceed the requirements for housing provided by the
21 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;



1 (3) Result in a decrease of vacant units within the
2 publicly funded residential housing; and

3 (4) Provide for preferential treatment to tenants of the
4 publicly funded residential housing.

5 (d) For the purposes of this section, "publicly funded
6 residential housing" means residential housing developed or
7 financed through the use of public funds pursuant to chapter
8 201H or 356D."

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "§201H- Visitability standards. Beginning January 1,
13 2019, all construction or renovation of housing projects
14 intended for residential use developed or financed under this
15 chapter may comply with visitability standards set out in
16 section 107- ."

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
19 designated and to read as follows:

20 "§356D- Visitability standards. Beginning January 1,
21 2019, all construction or renovation of housing projects



1 intended for residential use developed or financed under this
2 chapter may comply with visitability standards set out in
3 section 107- ."

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Publicly Funded Residential Housing; Visitability Standards

Description:

Authorizes the incorporation of housing visitability standards in the construction and renovation of publicly funded residential housing. (HB1919 HD1)

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