
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENTAL HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016,
2 established a temporary special action team on affordable rental
3 housing to make short- and long-term policy recommendations to
4 increase the supply of rental housing. The Act also established
5 performance measures and timelines for specific income groups.

6 One of the income groups the special action team focuses on
7 is the extremely low-income population, which consists of
8 families with incomes at or below thirty per cent of the area
9 median income. Of the nearly 57,500 affordable housing units
10 needed across all income levels, fifteen thousand five hundred
11 units are needed by extremely low-income households. Extremely
12 low-income households, therefore, account for almost twenty-
13 seven per cent of the total need for affordable housing.

14 The legislature finds that developing housing for extremely
15 low-income households poses a significant challenge which
16 requires the concentrated attention of the special action team
17 and state government at the highest level.



1 The purpose of this Act is to address the special action
2 team on affordable rental housing created under Act 127, Session
3 Laws of Hawaii 2016, by clarifying the duties of the special
4 action team regarding policy recommendations for income
5 populations, adding additional members to the special action
6 team, and making an appropriation for administration and
7 operation of the special action team.

8 SECTION 2. Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, section
9 6, as amended by Act 96, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, section 2,
10 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) The special action team shall be composed of the
12 following members:

13 (1) The director of the office of planning, who shall
14 serve as ~~chair~~ co-chair;

15 (2) The executive director of the Hawaii housing finance
16 and development corporation, who shall serve as co-
17 chair;

18 (3) The executive director of the Hawaii community
19 development authority;

20 (4) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing
21 authority;



- 1 (5) The director of human services;
- 2 (6) The governor's coordinator on homelessness;
- 3 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) A member of the house of representatives, to be
- 4 appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 5 representatives;
- 6 ~~[(6)]~~ (8) A member of the senate, to be appointed by the
- 7 president of the senate;
- 8 ~~[(7)]~~ (9) A representative from each county, to be
- 9 appointed by the mayor of the respective county;
- 10 ~~[(8)]~~ (10) A member of the public to represent affordable
- 11 housing advocacy groups, to be appointed by the
- 12 governor;
- 13 ~~[(9)]~~ (11) A member of the public to represent non-profit
- 14 developers with expertise in housing development, to
- 15 be appointed by the governor; ~~[and~~
- 16 ~~[(10)]~~ (12) A member of the public to represent for-profit
- 17 developers with expertise in housing development, to
- 18 be appointed by the governor~~[-]~~; and
- 19 (13) A member of the public to represent non-profit
- 20 providers of supportive services for extremely low-



1 income households and persons with special housing
2 needs, to be appointed by the governor."

3 SECTION 3. Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, section
4 7, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) To comply with subsection (a), the special action
6 team shall recommend short- and long-term actions to:

7 (1) Increase the supply of rental housing affordable for
8 ~~[low-]~~ extremely low-income, very low income, low-
9 income, and moderate-income families;

10 (2) Increase the supply of rental housing for the
11 remainder of the resident population;

12 (3) Target rental housing development in transit-oriented
13 development areas as a top priority;

14 (4) Preserve the existing rental housing stock;

15 (5) Enhance the attractiveness of and market for rental
16 housing relative to fee simple housing; and

17 (6) Mitigate community concerns over the development of
18 nearby rental housing projects, particularly
19 affordable public or private rental housing projects
20 for extremely low-income, very low income, and low-
21 income families and individuals."



SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the administration and operation of the special action team on rental housing.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of planning for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Description:

Amends Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to clarify the duties of the special action team and add additional members to the special action team. Makes an appropriation.

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