# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 Section 201H-36, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 "(a) In accordance with section 237-29, the corporation 4 may approve and certify for exemption from general excise taxes 5 any qualified person or firm involved with a newly constructed, or moderately or substantially rehabilitated project: 6 7 (1) Developed under this part; 8 Developed under a government assistance program (2) approved by the corporation, including but not limited 9 **10** to the United States Department of Agriculture 502 11 program and Federal Housing Administration 235 12 program; 13 Developed under the sponsorship of a private nonprofit (3) 14 organization providing home rehabilitation or new 15 homes for qualified families in need of decent, low-16 cost housing;

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1	(4)	Developed by a qualified person or firm to provide
2		affordable rental housing where at least fifty per
3		cent of the available units are for households with
4		incomes at or below eighty per cent of the area median
5		family income as determined by the United States
6		Department of Housing and Urban Development, of which
7		at least twenty per cent of the available units are
8		for households with incomes at or below sixty per cent
9		of the area median family income as determined by the
10		United States Department of Housing and Urban
11		Development; or
12	(5)	[Effective] Approved or certified from July 1, 2018,
13		to June 30, $[\frac{2022}{7}]$ $\underline{2026}$ , developed under a contract
14		described in section 104-2(i)(2) by a qualified person
15		or firm to provide affordable rental housing[+]
16		through new construction or substantial
17		rehabilitation; provided that[÷
18		(A) The allowable general excise tax and use tax
19		costs shall apply to contracting only and shall
20		not exceed \$7,000,000 per year in the aggregate

1		for all projects approved and certified by the
2		corporation; and
3	<del>(B)</del>	All] all available units are for households with
4		incomes at or below one hundred forty per cent of
5		the area median family income as determined by
6		the United States Department of Housing and Urban
7		Development, of which at least twenty per cent of
8		the available units are for households with
9	*	incomes at or below eighty per cent of the area
10		median family income as determined by the United
11		States Department of Housing and Urban
12		Development[-]; provided further that an owner
13		shall not refuse to lease a unit in the project
14		to a qualified applicant because the applicant
15		holds a voucher or certificate of eligibility
16		under section 8 of the United States Housing Act
17		of 1937, as amended."
18	SECTION 2	. Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is amended
19	by amending se	ction 5 to read as follows:
20	"SECTION	5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017,
21	and shall [ <del>be</del>	repealed on June 30, 2022; provided that:

1	<del>(1)</del>	Section] not apply to projects certified or approved
2		after June 30, 2026; provided that section 3 of this
3		Act shall apply to taxable years beginning after
4		December 31, 2017[ <del>; and</del>
5	<del>(2)</del>	Section 104 2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and section
6		201H-36, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted
7		in the form in which they read on the day before the
8		effective date of this Act]."
9	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
11	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

### Report Title:

Rental Housing Projects; General Excise Tax Exemption; Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

#### Description:

Extends to 6/30/2026, the certification requirements for exemption from the general excise tax for certain affordable rental housing projects. Amends the certification requirements for exemption from the general excise tax for those affordable rental housing projects. Conditions certification upon the project owners not refusing to lease units in the projects to qualified applicants because they hold a voucher or certificate of eligibility under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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