### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
adding a new chapter to title 13 to be appropriately designated
and to read as follows:
"CHAPTER
HOUSING ADVOCATE
§ -1 Office of the housing advocate; qualifications;
duties. (a) There is established the office of the housing
advocate, to be placed within the office of the governor for
administrative purposes only. The office shall be headed by the
housing advocate and funded by the general fund. The housing
advocate shall be appointed by the governor to serve a term of
four years concurrent with the term of the governor. This
appointment shall not be subject to senate confirmation.
(b) The housing advocate shall:
(1) Identify promising special/functional needs,
affordable, and market stand-alone housing, mixed-use,
and master planned projects in each county;

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1	(2)	Facilitate projects through state government
2		departments and processes;
3	(3)	Identify state and local regulatory barriers to the
4		development of housing; and
5	(4)	Make recommendations regarding policies, laws, and
6		rules, including taxation, land use, and financing, to
7		remove barriers to the development of housing."
8	SECT	ION 2. One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position
9	within th	e office of the governor shall be transferred to the
10	office of	the housing advocate to establish one full-time
11	equivalen	t (1.0 FTE) position of the housing advocate.
12	SECT	ION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.
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### Report Title:

Office of the Housing Advocate; Office of the Governor

### Description:

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