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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to title 13 to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 HOUSING ADVOCATE

6 § -1 Office of the housing advocate; qualifications;  
7 duties. (a) There is established the office of the housing  
8 advocate, to be placed within the office of the governor for  
9 administrative purposes only. The office shall be headed by the  
10 housing advocate and funded by the general fund. The housing  
11 advocate shall be appointed by the governor to serve a term of  
12 four years concurrent with the term of the governor. This  
13 appointment shall not be subject to senate confirmation.

14 (b) The housing advocate shall:

15 (1) Identify promising special/functional needs,  
16 affordable, and market stand-alone housing, mixed-use,  
17 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                SECTION 2. One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position  
9 within the office of the governor shall be transferred to the  
10 office of the housing advocate to establish one full-time  
11 equivalent (1.0 FTE) position of the housing advocate.

12                SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13                SECTION 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:**

Establishes an office of the housing advocate within the office of the governor.

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