

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§226- Executive office on affordable housing; director; general functions, duties, and powers. (a) There is established an executive office on affordable housing that shall be temporarily placed within the office of the governor; provided that on July 1, 2031, the executive office on affordable housing shall be permanently established in the department of business, economic development, and tourism within the office of planning.

(b) The head of the executive office on affordable housing shall be known as the director of the executive office on affordable housing, hereinafter referred to as the director.

The director shall:

(1) Be appointed by the governor, notwithstanding section 26-34 and chapter 76;



- 1 (2) Have professional knowledge of affordable housing
2 projects and development;
- 3 (3) Have direct experience in programs and services
4 related to affordable housing;
- 5 (4) Have recent experience in a supervisory, consultative,
6 or administrative position;
- 7 (5) Be paid a salary set by the governor that shall not
8 exceed per cent of the salary of the director of
9 human resources development; and
- 10 (6) Be included in any benefit program generally
11 applicable to the officers and employees of the State.
- 12 (c) The director shall be responsible for:
- 13 (1) Advising the governor and guiding the planning and
14 coordination of State agency transit-oriented
15 development implementation as it pertains to
16 affordable housing projects;
- 17 (2) Establishing affordable housing goals in transit-
18 oriented development areas;
- 19 (3) Conducting meetings with appropriate state and county
20 agencies, the governor, and members of the Hawaii
21 interagency council for transit-oriented development



1 to assess progress towards housing goals and offer
2 assistance with obstacles that may emerge;

3 (4) Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies
4 impacting the affordable housing goals;

5 (5) Developing standards of accountability to ensure
6 compliance with the implementation of the strategic
7 plan developed by the Hawaii interagency council for
8 transit-oriented development as it pertains to
9 affordable housing projects;

10 (6) Contracting for services and hiring of consultants
11 that may be necessary for the purposes of this
12 section, including through master contracts with other
13 state agencies receiving federal or state funds for
14 programs and services for affordable housing
15 development, and purchase of service agreements with
16 appropriate agencies or consultants;

17 (7) Establishing policies and procedures governing the
18 operations of the office; and

19 (8) Administering funds allocated to the office.
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1 (d) To further facilitate the development, implementation,
2 and execution of the Hawaii interagency council for transit-
3 oriented development's strategic plan, the director and the
4 governor may obtain information by informally consulting,
5 individually or as a group, with any stakeholders or subject-
6 matter expert selected by the director. The governor may
7 informally collaborate, individually or as a group, with any
8 stakeholder or subject matter expert, to enable the executive
9 office on affordable housing to further plan, develop, and
10 execute transit-oriented affordable housing strategies and
11 projects, including proposed legislation and rules.

12 (e) The director shall submit to the legislature an annual
13 report no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each
14 regular session, which shall include an explanation of the
15 status of transit-oriented affordable housing projects and any
16 findings and recommendations."

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
20 establishment of the executive office on affordable housing,
21 including planning and the hiring of consultants.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
2 governor for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Governor; Executive Office on Affordable Housing; Establishment;
Transit-Oriented Development; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Executive Office on Affordable Housing to advise the Governor and guide the planning, coordination, and execution of transit-oriented development as it pertains to affordable housing projects.

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