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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii public housing authority shall  
2     establish a two-year public housing tenant workforce training  
3     pilot program to provide public housing tenants with part-time,  
4     on-the-job paid training and work to gain knowledge and  
5     experience to fulfill the minimum qualifications needed for  
6     future part-time and full-time employment.

7           SECTION 2. The Hawaii public housing authority may enter  
8     into a contract with nonprofit organizations, for-profit  
9     organizations, or foundations to implement the public housing  
10    tenant upward mobility pilot program without regard to chapter  
11    103D and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

12          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13    revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
14    thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
15    same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16    2024-2025 for the implementation of the public housing tenant  
17    upward mobility pilot program, including all program costs.

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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 public housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

**JAN 23 2023**

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**Report Title:**

Housing; Low-Income Public Housing Tenant Upward Mobility Program; Hawaii Public Housing Authority

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority public housing tenant upward mobility pilot program. Provides part-time on-the-job training to attain minimum qualifications needed for future part-time and full-time employment. Effective upon its approval.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII  
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

PURPOSE: To establish a two-year pilot program to  
contract out an on-the-job training program  
for public housing tenants to receive part-  
time, on-the-job training to gain knowledge  
and experience to attain the minimum  
qualifications needed for future part-time  
and full-time employment.

MEANS: Enact a session law to establish a two-year  
pilot program and appropriate funds.

JUSTIFICATION: Many public housing tenants lack the  
training and minimum requirements needed for  
work experience required to be employed.

This pilot program will look to empower  
public housing tenants to learn work skills  
and earn income to contribute to their  
family's wellbeing and the State's labor  
market.

With the Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
receiving a "Moving To Work" designation  
from the U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development, this general funded pilot  
program will lead the way for expansion with  
federal funding, similar to how Act 287 will  
provide landlord incentives with the Housing  
Choice Voucher Program and continue/expand  
with federal funds.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: \$500,000.00 for each year for the fiscal  
biennium.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: UPON APPROVAL