THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 551 S.D. 3

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 "(a) [The] Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 4 the corporation may develop on behalf of the State or with an 5 eligible developer, or may assist under a government assistance 6 program in the development of, housing projects that shall be 7 exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and 8 rules of any government agency relating to planning, zoning, 9 construction standards for subdivisions, development and 10 improvement of land, and the construction of dwelling units 11 thereon; provided that the development is not within a Special 12 Flood Hazard Area as identified on the current Federal Emergency 13 Management Agency's flood insurance rate maps; provided further 14 that: 15 (1) The corporation finds the housing project is consistent with the purpose and intent of this

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1	C	hapter, and meets minimum requirements of health and
2	s	afety;
3 (2	2) T	he development of the proposed housing project does
4	n	ot contravene any safety standards, tariffs, or rates
5	a	and fees approved by the public utilities commission
6	f	or public utilities or of the various boards of water
7	s	supply authorized under chapter 54;
8 (3	3) T	he legislative body of the county in which the
9	h	ousing project is to be situated shall have approved
10	t	he project with or without modifications:
11	(	A) The legislative body shall approve, approve with
12		modification, or disapprove the project by
13		resolution within forty-five days after the
14		corporation has submitted the preliminary plans
15		and specifications for the project to the
16		legislative body. If on the forty-sixth day a
17		project is not disapproved, it shall be deemed
18		approved by the legislative body;
19	(	B) No action shall be prosecuted or maintained
20		against any county, its officials, or employees
21		on account of actions taken by them in reviewing,

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1		approving, modifying, or disapproving the plans
2		and specifications; and
3	(C)	The final plans and specifications for the
4		project shall be deemed approved by the
5		legislative body if the final plans and
6		specifications do not substantially deviate from
7		the preliminary plans and specifications. The
8		final plans and specifications for the project
9		shall constitute the zoning, building,
10		construction, and subdivision standards for that
11		project. For purposes of sections 501-85 and
12		502-17, the executive director of the corporation
13		or the responsible county official may certify
14		maps and plans of lands connected with the
15		project as having complied with applicable laws
16		and ordinances relating to consolidation and
17		subdivision of lands, and the maps and plans
18		shall be accepted for registration or recordation
19		by the land court and registrar; and
20	(4) The	land use commission shall approve, approve with
21	mod	ification, or disapprove a boundary change within

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1 forty-five days after the corporation has submitted a 2 petition to the commission as provided in section 3 205-4. If, on the forty-sixth day, the petition is not disapproved, it shall be deemed approved by the 4 5 commission." SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 6 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on March 22, 2075.

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#### Report Title:

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Housing Development; Exemption

#### Description:

Clarifies that certain housing projects developed by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on lands that are not within a Special Flood Hazard Area as identified on the current Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Maps shall be exempt from all statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules relating to planning, zoning, and other certain standards, provided that certain conditions are met. Effective 03/22/2075. (SD3)

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