
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. Section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+] §356D-6.7 [+] Closed to the public. (a) Any area
4 within a housing project or on a parcel owned by the authority
5 that is not a public street, road, highway, sidewalk, or county
6 or state bus stop, shall be closed to the public where signs are
7 displayed that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", or
8 a substantially similar message; provided that the signs:

- 9 (1) Contain letters no less than two inches in height; and
10 (2) Are placed at reasonable intervals no less than three
11 signs to a mile along the boundary line of the areas
12 that are closed to the public and at all entrances to
13 the property, in a manner and position to be clearly
14 noticeable from outside the boundary line.

15 (b) Any authority office or facility shall be closed to
16 the public during non-business hours where signs are displayed
17 that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", or a
18 substantially similar message, and include hours of operation.

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1 [~~(b)~~] (c) For the purposes of this section:

2 "Housing project" means a public housing project, elder or
3 elderly housing, as defined in section 356D-1, or state low-
4 income housing project, as defined in section 356D-51."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

HPHA; Public Housing; Trespassing; HPHA Parcels; HPHA Offices;
HPHA Facilities

Description:

Amends section 356D-6.7, HRS, to include all Hawaii Public Housing Authority parcels as areas that may be closed to the public.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

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

PURPOSE: To expressly provide conditions under which Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) parcels and administrative offices and facilities may be closed to the public so that violations of section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), may be prosecuted as criminal trespass in the second degree pursuant to section 708-814, HRS.

MEANS: Amend section 356D-6.7, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Clarifying the conditions under which HPHA properties may be closed to the public will allow prosecution of trespassers pursuant to section 708-814, HRS. Clarifying what property is closed to members of the public will assist to deter late night gatherings that disturb the community.

Impact on the public: Discouraging trespassing on certain HPHA properties should benefit the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill will assist the HPHA in enforcing violations of a written prohibition to enter a housing project, HPHA parcel, or administrative office and facility based on an unlawful act.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HMS 229.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.