
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 356D-6.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) Contain letters no less than two inches in height; and

(2) Are placed at reasonable intervals no less than three signs to a mile along the boundary line of the areas that are closed to the public and at all entrances to the property, in a manner and position to be clearly noticeable from outside the boundary line.

(b) Any authority office or facility shall be closed to the public during non-business hours where signs are displayed that read: "Closed to the Public - No Trespassing", or a 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.