THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 3011

JAN 23 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"**§356D- Pet animals.** (a) The authority shall allow any resident of a public housing project or state low-income housing project to keep one or more pet animals in the resident's unit, subject to all applicable state laws, county ordinances, and any reasonable conditions.

(b) The authority may charge a refundable deposit for each pet animal but shall not impose a monthly pet fee or pet rent.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the authority from immediately acting to remove a vicious animal to protect persons or property.

(d) As used in this section:

"Pet animal" has the same meaning as defined in section 711-1100.

"Reasonable conditions" include:

(1) Policies on nuisance behaviors;

(2) Leash requirements;

(3) Insurance coverage requirements;

(4) Policies on the maximum number of pet animals allowed, based on the unit's size; and

(5) Bans on specific dogs that a county law enforcement agency has deemed dangerous or vicious;

provided that reasonable conditions shall not include bans on entire dog breeds or limitations on a pet animal's size."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:
HPHA; Pet Animals; Allowed

Description:
Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to allow any resident of a public housing project or state low-income housing project to keep one or more pet animals in the resident's unit, subject to applicable state laws, county ordinances, and any reasonable conditions. Provides that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority may charge a refundable deposit for each pet animal but shall not impose a monthly pet fee or pet rent. Allows the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to remove a vicious animal to protect persons or property.

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