
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

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

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

4 "§356D- Pet animals. (a) The authority shall allow
5 any resident of a public housing project or state low-income
6 housing project to keep one or more pet animals in the
7 resident's unit, subject to all applicable state laws, county
8 ordinances, and any reasonable conditions; provided that no pet
9 animal shall be at-large on public housing premises.

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

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

15 (d) For the purposes of this section:



1 "At-large" means outside the resident's unit and not
2 confined or under physical restraint or immediate control by
3 means of a leash or lead by a competent person.

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

5 "Reasonable conditions" include:

6 (1) Policies on nuisance behaviors;

7 (2) Leash requirements;

8 (3) Insurance coverage requirements;

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

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

13 "Reasonable conditions" does not include bans on entire dog
14 breeds or limitations on a pet animal's size."

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027, to
18 be allocated as follows:

19 (1) \$ for site modifications for fifty sites as
20 part of phase I; and



1 (2) \$ to establish and fund five full-time
2 equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions to be distributed as
3 follows:

4 (A) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for
5 the county of Kauai;

6 (B) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for
7 the county of Maui;

8 (C) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for
9 the county of Hawaii; and

10 (D) Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for
11 the city and county of Honolulu;

12 provided that for each fiscal year thereafter, the Hawaii public
13 housing authority shall include in its annual budget request
14 line-item funding for the positions established pursuant to this
15 section.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
17 housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
19 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
20 begun before its effective date.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

HPHA; Pet Animals; Allowed; Positions; Appropriation

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. Prohibits pet animals from being at-large on public housing premises. 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. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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