THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 3011 S.D. 1

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) For the purposes of 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. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027, to be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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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. 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 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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