

ACT 19

H.B. NO. 2143

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Housing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that when a vacancy occurs for the resident member seat on the Hawaii public housing authority board of directors, the resident advisory board is required to submit a list of five nominees for consideration by the governor. However, there may be situations where fewer than five individuals are interested in the seat, which results in a delay in providing a list to the governor and the resident member seat remaining vacant for extended periods.

The legislature believes it is important for the residents to have a voice on the board. Additionally, a vacancy may jeopardize federal funds because the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the board of directors to include a resident member.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make the nomination process more flexible by allowing for a minimum of three but no more than five individuals on the list of nominees for the resident member seat.

SECTION 2. Section 356D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) If a vacancy occurs for the resident member seat on the board, the resident advisory board shall compile a list of no less than three but no more than five individuals for the governor’s consideration for appointment to the board; provided that the nominees to the board shall be:

- (1) Participants who are directly assisted by the authority under the federal public housing or section 8 tenant-based programs and who need not be members of the resident advisory board;
- (2) At least eighteen years of age; and
- (3) Authorized members of the assisted household.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 12, 2012.)