
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

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 VIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "~~§356D-~~ Wait list requirements. Individuals and
5 families living in transitional shelters, who are homeless or on
6 the public housing or section 8 wait lists shall be eligible to
7 be included in the state rent supplement program wait list."

8 SECTION 2. Section 356D-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§356D-151[+] **Rent supplements.** The authority is
11 authorized to make, and contract to make, annual payments to a
12 "housing owner" on behalf of a "qualified tenant", as those
13 terms are defined in this part, in such amounts and under such
14 circumstances as prescribed [~~in or pursuant to this part. No~~
15 ~~payment on behalf of a qualified tenant shall exceed a~~
16 ~~segregated amount of \$160 a month.] by the authority pursuant to
17 rules adopted by the authority."~~



1 SECTION 3. Section 356D-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§356D-153[+] **Qualified tenant[+] defined.** As used in
4 this part, the term "qualified tenant" means any single person
5 or family, pursuant to criteria and procedures established by
6 the authority, who has been determined to have an income not
7 exceeding the [~~very low income~~] income limit as determined by
8 the authority pursuant to rules adopted by the authority;
9 provided that the income limit shall not exceed seventy per cent
10 of the area median income; provided further that the qualified
11 tenant's primary place of residence shall be in the State or the
12 qualified tenant intends to make the State the qualified
13 tenant's primary place of residence. The terms "qualified
14 tenant" and "tenant" include a member of a cooperative who
15 satisfies the foregoing requirements and who, upon resale of the
16 member's membership to the cooperative, will not be reimbursed
17 for more than fifty per cent of any equity increment accumulated
18 through payments under this part. With respect to members of a
19 cooperative, the terms "rental" and "rental charges" mean the
20 charges under the occupancy agreements between the members and
21 the cooperative."



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.



Report Title:

State Rent Supplement Program

Description:

Broadens participation in the State Rent Supplement Program by removing the statutory limitation on the subsidy amount (currently \$160 per month) and increasing the income limits for participation to up to 70 percent of area median income. Requires the wait list for the program to include qualifying individuals and families living in transitional shelters.
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