

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 91-3 and 92-41, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Department of Human Services, hereby provides notice that it will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment and compilation of Chapter 17-2021 "Grievance Procedures", Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).

Background: Act 196, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2005, as amended by Act 180, SLH 2006, separated the housing financing and development functions from the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH), and created the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Act 196 became effective on July 1, 2006 and provided that all HCDCH administrative rules would remain in effect until amended.

Act 196, SLH 2005, as amended by Act 180, SLH 2006, created the HPHA's enabling statute at Ch. 356D, HRS. This statute provided in pertinent part at Ch. 356D-44(c) that state low-income public housing projects would be governed by the landlord-tenant code as defined in Ch. 521, HRS. In order to effectuate this statutory change and give it force, the HPHA's administrative rule governing grievance procedures, Ch. 17-2021, HAR, must be amended to: 1) remove references to the state low-income public housing projects; and 2) update housekeeping items to refer to the "Hawaii public housing authority" or "the authority", where appropriate, as the responsible agency.

Public Review: The draft amendments to Chapter 17-2021 "Grievance Procedures", HAR, are available for public viewing at the HPHA and site management offices at the following locations between 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority
1002 North School Street, Bldg. E
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Lanakila Homes
600 Wailoa Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Ka Hale Kahaluu
78-6725 Makolea Street
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Kahekili Terrace
2015 Holowai Place
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Kapaa
4726 Malu Road
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Also available on the HPHA website at:
www.hpha.hawaii.gov/

Public Hearings: Public hearings will be held at the following locations on Friday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m.:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)
1002 No. School Street, Bldg. "E"
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Ka Hale Kahaluu
78-6725 Makolea Street, Unit 4F
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Lanakila Homes Conference Room
600 Wailoa Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Kapaa Community Hall
4726 Malu Road
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Kahekili Terrace Office/Community Hall
2015 Holowai Place
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

All interested persons are invited to provide comments relating the draft amendments to Chapter 17-2021 "Grievance Procedures", HAR, either orally or in writing.

Oral comments should be presented at the public hearing. All oral and written testimony presented at the public hearing will be considered in preparing the amendments to Chapter 17-2021 "Grievance Procedures", HAR. Persons who cannot attend the hearing and prefer not to provide written comments may phone (808) 832-4681 and leave their comments as a voicemail message.

Written comments may be presented to the presiding officer at the public hearing, or mailed to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Attention: Planning, at 1002 North School Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Written comments may also be faxed to (808) 832-4679, or sent by electronic mail to hpha@hawaii.gov. Written comments not presented at the public hearing should be received at HPHA office in Honolulu by 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012.

Any person requiring assistance to participate, such as large print, taped materials, interpreters for sign language or limited English proficiency, etc., should make a request to HPHA at least ten working days prior to the public hearings in order to allow time to make arrangements. Requests can be made by writing to HPHA at the address above or by calling (808) 832-4680.

Hakim Ouansafi
Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Department of Human Services

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