# ACT 310 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

# Hawaii passed Act 310 into law in 2022 with the aim of decreasing source of income discrimination against people who use rental assistance.

#### What is source of income discrimination?

Source of income discrimination refers to the exclusion or different treatment of a prospective or current tenant because of that person's lawful form of income, including their participation in a rent assistance voucher program.

#### What will Act 310 do?

Act 310 will prohibit certain landlords from discriminating against prospective and current tenants based on participation in Permanent Supportive Housing programs or any Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

#### When will the law go into effect?

The law takes effect on May 1, 2023 to allow time for community education.

#### Who does it apply to?

This will apply mainly to landlords who own more than four rental properties, with further exemptions allowed in certain situations.

### Is there a penalty for violation?

Initial violations of the law will result in a fine up to \$2,000, and a \$2,500 fine for each subsequent violation.

## "Discrimination" prohibited under this law refers to:

- Advertising a rental property as not accepting vouchers;
- Refusing to engage in a rental transaction with someone based on their participation in a housing assistance program;
- Requiring rental conditions that are different from those required for a person not participating in a housing assistance program.

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