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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a shortage  
2 of affordable rental housing units to accommodate individuals  
3 and families who use the section 8 housing choice voucher  
4 program for housing assistance. The legislature further finds  
5 that many landlords are hesitant to rent their property to  
6 section 8 tenants. One of the concerns raised by landlords is  
7 the inability to recover the costs of repairing damage to their  
8 property when those costs exceed the amount of the security  
9 deposit.

10       The purpose of this Act is to encourage landlords to rent  
11 to section 8 tenants by requiring the Hawaii public housing  
12 authority to establish a program that offers dwelling insurance  
13 policies for landlords renting to section 8 tenants.

14       SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii public housing authority shall  
15 establish a program to offer dwelling insurance policies to  
16 landlords that rent their property to section 8 tenants  
17 beginning January 1, . The Hawaii public housing



1 authority, with the cooperation of the department of commerce  
2 and consumer affairs, shall establish the framework for  
3 establishing the insurance program pursuant to this Act.

4 (b) The Hawaii public housing authority shall submit a  
5 report of findings and recommendations, including proposed  
6 legislation to establish the insurance program required under  
7 subsection (a), to the legislature no later than twenty days  
8 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
12 establish a program that offers dwelling insurance policies to  
13 landlords renting their property to section 8 tenants, including  
14 positions necessary to administer the program.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Section 8 Housing Choice  
Voucher Program; Insurance; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a  
program to offer insurance policies to landlords who rent to  
tenants using the Section 8 housing choice voucher program and  
report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to establish and  
administer the insurance program. (HB2474 HD1)

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