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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that individuals with  
2 special needs face significant obstacles in obtaining suitable,  
3 long-term affordable housing. According to the 2016 Hawaii  
4 housing planning study, many individuals with special needs have  
5 difficulty in securing long-term affordable housing because of  
6 their low incomes and their need for easily accessible  
7 supportive services. Many housing options suitable for  
8 individuals with special needs are only temporary, which impedes  
9 their ability to live independently for a significant period of  
10 time.

11       The legislature further finds that the State's ability to  
12 formulate strategies to enable persons with special needs to  
13 secure suitable and affordable housing is hindered by the lack  
14 of data about the housing issues faced by these special needs  
15 populations.

16       The purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii housing  
17 finance and development corporation to study the current and



1 future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for  
2 individuals with special needs.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii housing finance and development  
4 corporation shall conduct a study to:

- 5 (1) Estimate the number of individuals with special needs  
6 in Hawaii, including but not limited to frail elderly  
7 individuals, persons with physical or severe mental  
8 disabilities, persons transitioning from  
9 incarceration, emancipated foster youth, persons with  
10 an alcohol or drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS,  
11 and victims of domestic violence, who are in need of  
12 housing;
- 13 (2) Identify the supportive services that individuals with  
14 special needs require and inventory the number of  
15 providers of supportive services in each county;
- 16 (3) Develop an information system to forecast and monitor  
17 the number of individuals with special needs who are  
18 seeking affordable housing; and
- 19 (4) Develop effective strategies to assist individuals  
20 with special needs in accessing and retaining  
21 affordable housing in independent settings.



1 The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation shall  
2 consult with community stakeholders to identify any other issues  
3 that should be included in the study's scope of work.

4 (b) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation  
5 shall submit a written report of its findings and  
6 recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation,  
7 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
8 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 \$50,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
12 purposes of this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
14 housing finance and development corporation.

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



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Special Needs Housing Study; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct a study on the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs. Makes an appropriation. (HB2748 HD1)

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