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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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 fear of not being able to recover the costs of repairing
- 8 damage to their property when those costs exceed the amount of
- 9 the security 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



- authority, with the cooperation of the department of commerceand 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
- 11 much 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.
- 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 July 1, 2018.

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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. Requires the authority to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish and administer the program.

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