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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Kapaa public  
2 housing project, located in Kapaa, Kauai, was first occupied in  
3 1966 and is owned and managed by the Hawaii public housing  
4 authority. The Hawaii public housing authority has determined  
5 that, at fifty-seven years old, the project is at the end of its  
6 useful life and that it would be cost prohibitive to  
7 rehabilitate the eighteen single-story duplexes, which consist  
8 of thirty-six public housing units ranging from one, two, three,  
9 or four-bedroom units. Moreover, the Hawaii public housing  
10 authority has determined that the 4.33 acre site has the  
11 potential to accommodate between eighty and one hundred fourteen  
12 units.

13           The legislature further finds that the county of Kauai  
14 department of water and wastewater division of the county of  
15 Kauai department of public works confirmed that there is  
16 adequate water and wastewater infrastructure to accommodate one  
17 hundred fourteen housing units. Due to the close proximity to



1 the Bryan J. Baptiste sports complex, Kapaa middle school,  
2 historic Kapaa town, and Kauai bus transit station, this project  
3 is consistent with smart growth policies in the Kauai general  
4 plan.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to plan and  
6 develop up to one hundred fourteen units of affordable housing  
7 at the Kapaa public housing project in Kapaa, Kauai. The  
8 proposed project would include the development of thirty-six  
9 replacement public housing units, and up to seventy-eight  
10 additional housing units comprised of a mix of supportive  
11 housing, affordable housing, and workforce housing.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2024-2025 for the planning and design of up to one hundred  
17 fourteen housing units at the Kapaa public housing project site  
18 in Kapaa, Kauai, including the development of thirty-six  
19 replacement public housing units, and up to seventy-eight  
20 additional housing units comprised of a mix of supportive  
21 housing, affordable housing, and workforce housing.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 public housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 1395

**Report Title:**

HPHA; Kapaa Public Housing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the planning and design for new housing units at the Kapaa public housing project site in Kapaa, Kauai.

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