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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,  
16 beginning January 1,           , to landlords that rent their  
17 property to tenants who use the section 8 housing choice voucher



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

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

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
13 establish a program that offers dwelling insurance policies to  
14 landlords renting their property to tenants who use the section  
15 8 housing choice voucher program, including positions  
16 necessary to administer the program.

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 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. Requires the Authority to report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys to establish and administer the program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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