

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2474  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2474 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage landlords to rent to tenants using a Section 8 housing voucher by establishing a program to offer dwelling insurance to landlords who offer to rent their property to Section 8 housing voucher holders.

Young Progressives Demanding Action and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority offered comments for this measure.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to assist Section 8 housing voucher users in finding landlords willing to rent to Section 8 tenants.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority noted that the actual cost to secure this type of insurance is unknown. Your Committee requests that if this bill progresses through the legislative process that stakeholders and affected state agencies attempt to estimate the cost of this type of insurance to determine whether it is an economically feasible program.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2474, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2474, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Housing,



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TOM BROWER, Chair



