
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many homeless
2 individuals thrive when access to familiar support groups and
3 loving family members is readily available. Many homeless
4 individuals from the continental United States are currently
5 stranded in Hawaii, lacking independent financial resources to
6 return to their home states.

7 The legislature further finds that Act 94, Session Laws of
8 Hawaii 2023, established a three-year return-to-home pilot
9 program to provide eligible individuals with assistance in being
10 reunited with family and relatives in their home state. The
11 legislature recognizes that additional funds are needed to
12 continue the pilot program and assist homeless individuals in
13 the State with family reunification.

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
15 continued implementation of the return-to-home pilot program
16 established pursuant to Act 94, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025, to
 4 be used with available federal and county funds, for the
 5 continued implementation of the return-to-home pilot program
 6 established pursuant to Act 94, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 8 human services for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 10 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
 11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
 12 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
 13 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
 14 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
 15 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
 16 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
 17 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
 18 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
 19 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
 20 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by



1 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
2 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Return-to-Home Pilot Program;
Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriates funds for the continued implementation of the Return-to-Home Pilot Program, established pursuant to Act 94, SLH 2023, to provide eligible homeless individuals with assistance in reuniting with family and relatives in their home state. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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