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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE KALOKO HOUSING PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a pressing
- 2 need to increase the availability of homeless shelters on the
- 3 island of Hawaii. The Big Island continues to have a relatively
- 4 high proportion of homeless persons when compared to its overall
- 5 population. Existing homeless shelters and services are
- 6 stretched thin, with the population dispersed over large areas.
- 7 In addition, the projected closure of the Ka Hale O Kawaihae
- 8 transitional housing program will exacerbate the situation and
- 9 reinforce the need for additional capacity.
- 10 To address this problem, the county of Hawaii has developed
- 11 a plan to establish the Kaloko housing program. This facility
- 12 will be constructed on an eight-acre parcel north of Kaloko
- 13 Industrial Park and will provide approximately fifty multi-
- 14 family cluster homes for families impacted by homelessness.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to provide the county of Hawaii
- 16 with the resources needed to fund the Kaloko housing program.

1	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000 or so
3	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
4	construction and other costs associated with the Kaloko housing
5	program.
6	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
7	Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
8	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Housing: Homelessness; Hawaii County

Description:

Appropriates funds to finance the Koloko housing program on the island of Hawaii to assist the homeless.