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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. The rental housing revolving fund is
3	established under section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
4	provide loans or grants for the development, pre-development,
5	construction, acquisition, preservation, and substantial
6	rehabilitation of rental housing units. The purpose of this
7	part is to appropriate funds to the rental housing revolving
8	fund.
9	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to be
12	deposited into the rental housing revolving fund.
13	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the rental housing
14	revolving fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may
15	be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the purposes
16	specified in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

1	The	sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
2	housing f	inance and development corporation for the purposes of
3	this part	•
4		PART II
5	SECT	ION 4. The legislature finds that housing first
6	programs	are a collaborative effort between the department of
7	human ser	vices and the United States Department of Housing and
8	Urban Dev	elopment that provides housing and support services for
9	chronical	ly homeless individuals, including those who have an
10	addiction	or mental illness, or both. The principles of housing
11	first pro	grams include:
12	(1)	Moving chronically homeless individuals into housing
13		directly from the streets and shelters without a
14		precondition of accepting or complying with treatment;
15	(2)	Providing robust support services for program
16		participants that are predicated on assertive
17		engagement rather than coercion;
18	(3)	Granting chronically homeless individuals priority as
19		program participants in housing first programs;

1	(4) Embracing a harm-reduction approach to addictions		
2	rather than mandating abstinence while supporting		
3	program participant commitments to recovery; and		
4	(5) Providing program participants with leases and tenant		
5	protections as provided by law.		
6	Housing first is a nationally recognized best practice and		
7	has been proven to be an effective approach to helping people		
8	experiencing chronic homelessness get off of the streets in		
9	several cities. In Portland, Oregon, the housing first program		
10	helped reduce the number of chronically homeless people sleeping		
11	outside by seventy per cent. In Los Angeles, California, for		
12	each chronically homeless person placed in housing first, Los		
13	Angeles saved \$80,000 over two years. Similar results in		
14	Denver, Colorado; Quincy, Massachusetts; and Portland, Maine;		
15	show that housing first is effective in reducing chronic		
. 16	homelessness. Currently, the housing first program only serves		
17	the island of Oahu, despite the needs of individuals on		
18	neighboring islands.		
19	The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to the		
20	department of human services to support the State's housing		
21	first programs in assisting the rest of Hawaii's residents		

- 1 outside of Oahu who are chronically homeless and who are often
- 2 the most vulnerable, most visible, and most difficult to serve.
- 3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
- 6 continued implementation of the State's housing first program
- 7 and expansion of the program outside of Oahu to assist residents
- 8 who are chronically homeless.
- 9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 10 human services for the purposes of this part.
- 11 PART III
- 12 SECTION 6. The legislature finds that the Hawaii public
- 13 housing authority is the sole statewide public housing agency of
- 14 the State. The Hawaii public housing authority's portfolio of
- 15 eighty-five properties comprises 6,195 units that serve over
- 16 6,100 families or more than 20,000 individuals.
- 17 The Hawaii public housing authority's aging housing stock
- 18 continues to have an extensive capital need that is underfunded
- 19 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
- 20 Development. Additional funding is needed to modernize, repair,
- 21 and maintain many of the State's public housing units.



- 1 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to improve
- 2 the quality of existing public housing stock in the State.
- 3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$180,000,000 or so
- 5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
- 6 the repair and maintenance of the Hawaii public housing
- 7 authority's existing public housing stock.
- 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii public
- 9 housing authority for the purposes of this part.
- 10 PART IV
- 11 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
- 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
- 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for a
- 14 rental assistance program, also known as the shallow subsidy
- 15 program, within the department of human services, for homeless
- 16 working individuals and their families who are ready to rent
- 17 permanent housing to obtain and maintain permanent housing;
- 18 provided that:
- 19 (1) The maximum subsidy shall be \$500 per month; provided
- that to qualify for the subsidy, a household shall pay

1	a minimum of forty per cent of their adjusted gross
2	income for rent; and
3	(2) A household's adjusted gross income shall be
4	calculated in the same manner as calculated by the
5	Hawaii public housing authority to qualify for public
6	housing under the authority's control.
7	The sum appropriated for staff within the homeless programs
8	office and for program and administrative costs associated with
9	establishing and operating the shallow subsidy program shall be
10	expended by the department of human services through a contract
11	issued pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for
12	the purposes of this part.
13	PART V
14	SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.
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Report Title:

Housing Omnibus; Appropriation

Description:

Makes various appropriations for various housing programs.

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