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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
2 including chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the office of  
3 Hawaiian affairs shall enter into negotiations for and execute a  
4 long-term lease with a qualified entity, as determined by the  
5 office of Hawaiian affairs, for the real property that contains  
6 the Next Step Shelter facility, the facility itself, and other  
7 appurtenant or related real property and improvements thereon.

8           SECTION 2. (a) There is established a working group to  
9 solicit donations and services and to assist in the regulation  
10 of and development of policies relating to the Next Step Shelter  
11 facility and its residents. The working group shall be placed  
12 within the department of human services for administrative  
13 purposes.

14           (b) The working group shall comprise the following:

15           (1) The director of human services, or the director's  
16           designee, who shall serve as chair;



- 1           (2) The chairperson of the board of trustees of the office
- 2                   of Hawaiian affairs, or the chairperson's designee;
- 3           (3) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing
- 4                   authority, or the executive director's designee;
- 5           (4) A representative of Waikiki Health Center; and
- 6           (5) A representative of the residents of the Next Step
- 7                   Shelter facility.

8           (c) The director of human services, or the director's

9 designee, shall also invite representatives of appropriate local

10 business owners, trade unions, and apprenticeship training

11 programs of the community colleges to join the working group.

12           (d) The members of the working group shall not be

13 compensated, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses

14 incurred during the performance of their duties.

15           (e) The working group shall regularly hold public meetings

16 without regard to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17           (f) In accordance with its functions pursuant to

18 subsection (a), the working group shall:

- 19           (1) Solicit private donations for the Next Step Shelter
- 20                   property and its improvements, including:

- 21                   (A) Solar energy systems;



- 1 (B) An air circulation and treatment system; and
- 2 (C) Reconstruction of bathroom facilities;
- 3 (2) Work with trade groups and industry associations to
- 4 conduct outreach and vocational training for qualified
- 5 individuals who are residents of the Next Step
- 6 Shelter;
- 7 (3) Work with Public Broadcasting Service Hawaii and
- 8 relevant public, educational, and governmental access
- 9 facilities to produce a documentary on the conditions
- 10 of the Next Step Shelter and of the residents residing
- 11 in the facility, including residents representing
- 12 families, couples, and individuals; and
- 13 (4) Work with the Hawaii public housing authority to
- 14 identify barriers to participation in the section 8
- 15 housing program for residential property owners and
- 16 examine methods of increasing participation to provide
- 17 residents of the Next Step Shelter with permanent
- 18 housing.
- 19 (g) The working group shall submit a report of its
- 20 progress, findings, and recommendations, including any proposed



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1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

3 (h) The working group shall dissolve on June 30, 2018.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the  
7 working group established in section 2 of this Act.

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

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Next Step Shelter; Working Group; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a working group in the Department of Human Services to seek material and services for the Next Step Shelter. Appropriates funds for the working group.

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