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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

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PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a serious need to develop affordable rental housing in Hawaii to meet the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Addressing these needs will be a challenge because of the sheer number of units needed to meet demand and the various barriers that can prevent development and preservation of affordable housing.

9 The legislature further finds that the rental housing 10 revolving fund provides loans to fill financing gaps to enable 11 the development, preservation, or rehabilitation of affordable 12 rental housing projects, including projects consisting of 13 housing units for persons and families at or below one hundred 14 per cent, eighty per cent, and thirty per cent of the median 15 family income. By creating a stable housing environment through 16 the construction of housing for individuals and families who are 17 homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, other issues can be



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addressed that impact the homeless, such as employment, job
 training, and health care.

The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, revenues from which are to be deposited into the rental housing revolving fund to increase the inventory of affordable rental housing, especially for lownincome individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

9 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue 10 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$64,000,000 or so much 11 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof 12 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018 13 for the purposes set forth in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised 14 Statutes; provided that:

(1) \$32,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in
projects that are for persons and families with
incomes at or below thirty per cent of the median
family income;

19 (2) \$16,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in
 20 projects that are for persons and families with



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1 incomes at or below fifty per cent of the median 2 family income; and 3 (3) \$16,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in 4 projects that are for persons and families with 5 incomes at or below eighty per cent of the median 6 family income; 7 provided further that modular housing may be considered as a 8 possible housing option. 9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii 10 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of 11 this part. 12 PART II 13 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that homelessness 14 continues to be an issue of concern for the State. Federal 15 statistics indicate that as of 2015, Hawaii had four hundred 16 eighty-seven homeless individuals per every one hundred thousand 17 people, the highest rate per capita in the nation. In 2016, the 18 legislature invested \$10,000,000 in new funding to address this 19 ongoing problem. The 2017-2018 executive biennium budget, as 20 submitted by the governor, proposes to invest an additional 21 \$20,900,000 in new funding to address homelessness issues.



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However, the legislature believes that additional funding is
 necessary to ensure that the State has adequate resources to
 confront this challenge.

Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to allocate
additional funding to the department of human services to
support homelessness mitigation and prevention efforts in the
State.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and 11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 12 year 2018-2019 to provide housing subsidies for homeless 13 families through the rent supplement program.

14 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and 17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 18 year 2018-2019 for the housing first program to provide housing 19 and supportive services to homeless individuals who may have 20 mental health or addiction issues, and for the hiring of 21 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.



1 SECTION 6. 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 2017-2018 and 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to support the rapid rehousing program to move 5 6 capable families out of shelters. 7 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 8 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and 9 10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 11 year 2018-2019 to support the operations of the family and 12 elderly housing program.

13 SECTION 8. The sums appropriated in this part shall be
14 expended by the department of human services for the purposes of
15 this Act.

PART III

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SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund construction of affordable housing development projects. Appropriates moneys for homelessness mitigation and prevention efforts.

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