A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 PART I 2 The legislature finds that homelessness SECTION 1. 3 continues to be one of the State's most significant and 4 challenging social problems. According to the 2016 Hawaii 5 statewide homeless point-in-time count conducted in January 6 2016, there are 7,921 homeless individuals in the State, an 7 overall increase of four per cent from 2015. Homeless persons 8 face a myriad of issues, including general health issues, mental 9 illness, and substance abuse. These issues affecting homeless 10 persons also impact the general population through the costs of 11 social and health care services. In fiscal years 2014 and 2015, 12 The Queen's Medical Center reported treating 3,441 patients who 13 were homeless. Treating these homeless individuals is sometimes 14 uncompensated, as is the case with an unsheltered patient who 15 reportedly received treatment 12,271 times over two years, which 16 cost The Queen's Medical Center more than \$5,000,000 per year. 17 The legislature further finds that mobile clinics are 18 increasing in popularity across the nation as government 2017-1288 SB1223 SD1 SMA.doc

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- 1 entities find ways to address the health care needs of the
- 2 homeless population. In places such as Denver, Colorado;
- 3 Seattle, Washington; and San Jose, California, mobile clinics
- 4 offer a variety of free health care services for local homeless
- 5 populations, saving significant costs on emergency room visits.
- 6 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for
- 7 establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to
- 8 serve the homeless population.
- 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,400,000 or so much
- 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
- 12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 13 2018-2019 to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to
- 14 serve the homeless population; provided that:
- 15 (1) The staff shall include, at minimum, one doctor, one
- nurse, one pharmacist, and one psychiatrist and may
- include staff as needed, including students pursing a
- degree in medicine or nursing; and
- 19 (2) The mobile clinics may provide, at minimum, the
- 20 following services:

1	(A)	Non-emergency medical services for chronic,
2		acute, and episodic conditions;
3	(B)	Sexually transmitted diseases, human
4		immunodeficiency virus, and hepatitis testing;
5	(C)	Family planning;
6	(D)	Child and family services;
7	(E)	Behavioral health and substance abuse services;
8	(F)	Mental health services;
9	(G)	Dental care;
10	(H)	Referral services;
11	(I)	Shower and laundry services;
12	(J)	Clean clothing;
13	(K)	Health insurance enrollment;
14	(L)	Pharmacy services; and
15	(M)	Other assistance services.
16	The sums	appropriated shall be expended by the department
17	of human servi	ces for the purposes of this part.
18		PART II
19	SECTION 3	. The legislature finds that the need for
20	specialty shel	ters has grown over the years as homelessness has
21	evolved. Home	less persons have few options to receive home

- 1 care, mental health stabilization, a recovery environment for
- 2 substance use disorders, or other support when they leave an
- 3 acute treatment environment. Specialty shelters double as
- 4 housing navigation centers wherein staff will assist homeless
- 5 persons to access housing after their stay at the shelter.
- 6 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for
- 7 specialty shelters to temporarily house and serve homeless
- 8 persons.
- 9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,350,000 or so much
- 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
- 12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 13 2018-2019 to establish two substance abuse specialty shelters
- 14 and one mental health specialty shelter to provide temporary
- 15 housing and specialized homecare services for homeless
- 16 individuals.
- 17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 18 of human services for the purposes of this part.
- 19 PART III
- 20 SECTION 5. The purpose of this part is to appropriate
- 21 funds to study the impact and feasibility of creating an

- 1 integrated database with certain records of homeless individuals
- 2 for providers of homeless services to track services and
- 3 optimize costs.
- 4 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
- 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
- 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
- 7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 8 2018-2019 for the department of human services to conduct a
- 9 study on the impact and feasibility of creating an integrated
- 10 database for providers of homeless services that provides access
- 11 to certain information about homeless individuals served,
- 12 including police, medical, social services, and mental health
- 13 records, to improve tracking services provided and optimize
- 14 costs.
- The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 16 of human services for the purposes of this part.
- 17 PART IV
- 18 SECTION 7. (a) The department of human services shall
- 19 establish puuhonua safe zones where homeless persons may reside
- 20 in the State.

- 1 (b) The location of each puuhonua safe zone shall be
- 2 designated by the land use commission.
- 3 (c) Each puuhonua safe zone shall be furnished with
- 4 appropriate hygiene facilities and security and social services
- 5 as deemed necessary.
- 6 (d) The peaceful consumption of alcoholic beverages by
- 7 persons twenty-one years of age or older shall be permitted in
- 8 puuhonua safe zones.
- 9 (e) Animal companions of homeless persons shall be
- 10 permitted in puuhonua safe zones.
- 11 (f) The department of human services shall maintain and
- 12 operate puuhonua safe zones until the legislature determines
- 13 that homelessness is no longer a crisis in the State.
- 14 (g) The State shall not be liable for any loss, damage,
- 15 injury, or death arising from or occurring in a puuhonua safe
- 16 zone.
- 17 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
- 20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

- 1 year 2018-2019 for the establishment of puuhonua safe zones 2 where homeless persons may reside in the State. 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 4 of human services for the purposes of this part. 5 PART V 6 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and 9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 10 year 2018-2019 for homeless outreach services. 11 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and 14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 15 year 2018-2019 for the storage of homeless people's property. 16 SECTION 11. The sums appropriated in this part shall be 17 expended by the department of human services for the purposes of
- 19 PART VI

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this part.

20 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

- 1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
- 2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 3 year 2018-2019 for outreach services to homeless persons with
- 4 serious and persistent mental illness.
- 5 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
- 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
- 8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 9 year 2018-2019 for outreach, counseling, and diversion services
- 10 for unsheltered homeless persons experiencing substance abuse.
- 11 SECTION 14. The sums appropriated in this part shall be
- 12 expended by the department of health for the purposes of this
- 13 part.
- 14 PART VII
- 15 SECTION 15. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
- 18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 19 year 2018-2019 to assist the highways division of the department
- 20 of transportation to deal with homelessness-related issues
- 21 pertaining to security, health, and safety.

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1	The sums appropriated in this part shall be expended by th
2	department of transportation for the purposes of this part.
3	PART VIII
4	SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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Report Title:

Homelessness; Omnibus; Homeless Services; Appropriation

Description:

Part I: Appropriates funds for establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population. Part II: Appropriates funds for establishing three specialty shelters to temporarily house and serve homeless individuals. Part III: Appropriates funds to the department of human services to study the impact and feasibility of creating an integrated database of certain information related to homeless individuals for providers of homeless services. Part IV: Requires the department of human services to establish puuhonua safe zones where homeless persons may reside. Appropriates funds. Part V: Appropriates funds for homeless outreach services and storage of homeless people's property. Part VI: Appropriates funds for outreach services to homeless persons with serious and persistent mental illness. Appropriates funds for services for homeless persons experiencing substance abuse. Part VII: Appropriates funds to assist the department of transportation with homelessness-related issues pertaining to security, health, and safety. (SD1)

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