

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and
3 challenging social problems. According to the 2016 Hawaii
4 Statewide Homeless Point-In-Time conducted in January 2016,
5 there are 7,921 homeless individuals in the State, an overall
6 increase of four per cent from 2015. Homelessness is a complex
7 issue that requires continuous resources and coordinated efforts
8 at all levels, including improving access to information of
9 homeless individuals who are served by service providers.
10 Oftentimes, critical services are delayed for homeless
11 individuals because of the difficulties in accessing pertinent
12 records and information.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to study
14 the impact and feasibility of creating an integrated database
15 with certain records of homeless individuals for providers of
16 homeless services to track services and optimize costs.



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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2018-2019 for the department of human services to conduct a
 6 study on the impact and feasibility of creating an integrated
 7 database for providers of homeless services that provides access
 8 to certain information about homeless individuals served,
 9 including police, medical, social services, and mental health
 10 records, to improve tracking services provided and optimize
 11 costs.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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 Assembly of Baha



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Report Title:

Homeless; Database; Study; Appropriation

Description:

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.

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