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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESS SERVICES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the need for
- 2 specialty shelters has grown over the years as homelessness has
- 3 evolved. Homeless persons have few options to receive home
- 4 care, mental health stabilization, a recovery environment for
- 5 substance use disorders, or other support when they leave an
- 6 acute treatment environment. Specialty shelters double as
- 7 housing navigation centers wherein staff will assist homeless
- $oldsymbol{8}$  persons to access housing after their stay at the shelter.
- 9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
- 10 specialty shelters to temporarily house and serve homeless
- 11 persons.
- 12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,350,000 or so much
- 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
- 15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 16 2018-2019 to establish two substance abuse specialty shelters
- 17 and one mental health specialty shelter to provide temporary



- 1 housing and specialized homecare services for homeless
- 2 individuals.

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- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 4 of human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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### Report Title:

Homeless; Specialty Shelters; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates funds for establishing three specialty shelters to temporarily house and serve homeless individuals.

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