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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. (a) There is established a working group to  
2 solicit donations and services and to assist in the regulation  
3 and development of policies relating to the Next Step Shelter  
4 facility and its residents. The working group shall be placed  
5 within the department of human services for administrative  
6 purposes.
- 7           (b) The working group shall comprise the following:
- 8           (1) The director of human services, or the director's  
9           designee, who shall serve as chair;
- 10          (2) The executive director of the Hawaii public housing  
11          authority, or the executive director's designee;
- 12          (3) A representative of Waikiki Health Center; and
- 13          (4) A representative of the residents of the Next Step  
14          Shelter facility.
- 15          (c) The director of human services, or the director's  
16          designee, shall also invite representatives of appropriate local



1 business owners, trade unions, and apprenticeship training  
2 programs of the community colleges to join the working group.

3 (d) The members of the working group shall not be  
4 compensated, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
5 incurred during the performance of their duties.

6 (e) In accordance with its functions pursuant to  
7 subsection (a), the working group shall:

8 (1) Solicit private donations for the Next Step Shelter  
9 property and its improvements, including:

10 (A) Solar energy systems;

11 (B) An air circulation and treatment system; and

12 (C) Reconstruction of bathroom facilities;

13 (2) Work with trade groups and industry associations to  
14 conduct outreach and vocational training for qualified  
15 individuals who are residents of the Next Step  
16 Shelter;

17 (3) Work with Public Broadcasting Service Hawaii and  
18 relevant public, educational, and governmental access  
19 facilities to produce a documentary on the conditions  
20 of the Next Step Shelter and of the residents residing



1 in the facility, including residents representing  
2 families, couples, and individuals; and

3 (4) Work with the Hawaii public housing authority to  
4 identify barriers to participation in the section 8  
5 housing program for residential property owners and  
6 examine methods of increasing participation to provide  
7 residents of the Next Step Shelter with permanent  
8 housing.

9 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its  
10 progress, findings, and recommendations, including any proposed  
11 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
12 to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

13 (g) The working group shall dissolve on June 30, 2018.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the  
17 working group established in section 1 of this Act.

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2075.



**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Next Step Shelter; Working Group; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a working group in the Department of Human Services to solicit donations and services and to assist in the regulation and development of policies relating to the Next Step Shelter facility and its residents. Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2018 Regular Session. Appropriates funds for the working group. (HB169 HD1)

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