
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the continued
2 issuance of supplementary proclamations to the October 16, 2015,
3 Emergency Proclamation Addressing Homelessness by the governor
4 shows that the statewide homelessness emergency persists. The
5 coordinated statewide homeless initiative has provided
6 important, cost-effective homelessness diversion services and
7 has increased coordination within the homeless service network
8 through the statewide information and referral system on behalf
9 of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness.

10 In eighteen months, the initiative provided financial
11 assistance to 1,610 households, assisting 4,944 adults and
12 children who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by
13 providing short term assistance to prevent eviction and
14 decreasing the eviction rate in family court by twenty-five per
15 cent. The legislature further finds that the landlord
16 coordination program, established as a part of the initiative,
17 reached over seven thousand landlords and led to 1,596 rental



1 placements, which is a critical element of the effort to address
2 the homelessness issue.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
4 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
5 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless
6 people in the State.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
10 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless
11 initiative; provided that the following provisions shall apply:

12 (1) The department of human services shall:

- 13 (A) Procure the services of a contractor in
14 accordance with chapters 103D or 103F, Hawaii
15 Revised Statutes;
- 16 (B) Oversee the funds expended by the contractor; and
- 17 (C) In coordination with the selected contractor,
18 develop policies and procedures for a fair and
19 equitable procurement process for subcontracts
20 made between the contractor and subcontracted
21 provider agencies consistent with the goals of



1 public accountability and public procurement
2 practices;

3 (2) The contractor shall:

4 (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing
5 homeless diversion services for the State by
6 providing short-term financial assistance to
7 households that have entered the eviction
8 process;

9 (B) Maintain staffing of the homeless coordination
10 center within a statewide telephone information
11 and referral call center system;

12 (C) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system
13 mandated by the United States Department of
14 Housing and Urban Development to provide
15 navigation services and placement of homeless
16 households into permanent housing;

17 (D) Provide oversight of provider operations and
18 budget to maximize operational efficiency;

19 (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
20 providing performance information to respective
21 state agencies;



1 (F) Provide quarterly reports to the legislature and

2 the department of human services; and

3 (G) Be accountable for funds expended; and

4 (3) Administrative, operating, and personnel expenses

5 shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the state award.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 human services for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
11 continue and improve landlord outreach and liaison activities
12 within the coordinated statewide homeless initiative; provided
13 that the following provisions shall apply:

14 (1) The department of human services shall:

15 (A) Procure the services of a contractor in
16 accordance with chapters 103D or 103F, Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes;

18 (B) Have oversight of or manage the funds expended by
19 the contractor; and

20 (C) In coordination with the homeless programs
21 office, develop policies and procedures for the



1 implementation of a landlord liaison program,
2 which includes recruitment of landlords and
3 procedures for landlords to provide pre-eviction
4 notification and obtain problem-tenant
5 intervention and damage mitigation services;

6 (2) The contractor shall:

- 7 (A) Administer the landlord liaison program within
8 the homeless coordination center established by
9 the department of human services;
- 10 (B) Provide staffing for the landlord liaison program
11 and space for the program within or accessible to
12 the homeless coordination center;
- 13 (C) Provide connectivity to a statewide telephone
14 information and referral call center system and
15 use this system as the primary link between
16 landlords and the program;
- 17 (D) Establish procedures to enable the landlord
18 liaison program to coordinate with the
19 coordinated entry system required by the United
20 States Department of Housing and Urban
21 Development to provide navigation services and



1 placement of homeless households into permanent
2 housing;

3 (E) Provide oversight of provider operations and
4 budget to maximize operational efficiency;

5 (F) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
6 providing performance information to respective
7 state agencies;

8 (G) Provide quarterly reports to the legislature and
9 the department of human services; and

10 (H) Be accountable for funds expended; and

11 (3) Administrative, operating, and personnel expenses
12 shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the state award.

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

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the coordinated statewide homeless initiative, subject to certain conditions. (HB1706 HD1)

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