
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 Hawaii has the
2 highest rate per capita of homelessness of any state in the
3 nation. Hawaii also has the highest rate per capita of
4 chronically unsheltered homeless of any state. The 2017 Point-
5 in-Time Homeless Count found an estimated 7,220 people living on
6 the streets and in shelters in Hawaii.

7 The legislature further finds that because homeless
8 outreach, homeless shelters, and enforcement of laws to prevent
9 illegal homeless encampments are conducted by different
10 departments and organizations, no single entity is truly charged
11 with solving the problem of homelessness.

12 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program for
13 the department of human services to contract for a single
14 organization to provide all aspects needed to address chronic
15 homelessness in a designated area.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of human services shall
17 establish a pilot program to contract for a single organization



1 to conduct outreach for, conduct enforcement of trespass laws
2 against, and provide shelter for chronically homeless
3 individuals within the 96817 postal zip code on the island of
4 Oahu. The contract shall also provide a \$12 nightly stipend to
5 be paid to chronically homeless individuals for each night that
6 they successfully stay in a homeless shelter.

7 (b) The department of human services shall submit a report
8 of its findings and recommendations on the pilot project,
9 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
11 of 2020. The report shall include:

12 (1) The details of the contract and the activities of the
13 contracted organization;

14 (2) The number of individuals assisted;

15 (3) Findings on the efficacy of the pilot program; and

16 (4) A recommendation on whether the pilot project should
17 be made permanent, modified, or terminated.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
21 department of human services to issue a contract with a single



1 organization to address chronic homelessness in the 96817 postal
2 zip code on the island of Oahu.

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

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



Report Title:

Homelessness; Contract; Department of Human Services; Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Requires DHS to contract with an organization to establish a pilot program to address all aspects of chronic homelessness in the 96817 zip code. Appropriates moneys. (HB2649 HD1)

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