
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that individuals with
2 special needs face significant obstacles in obtaining suitable,
3 long-term affordable housing. According to the 2016 Hawaii
4 housing planning study, many individuals with special needs have
5 difficulty in securing long-term affordable housing because of
6 their low incomes and their need for easily accessible
7 supportive services. Many housing options suitable for
8 individuals with special needs are only temporary, which impedes
9 their ability to live independently for a significant period of
10 time.

11 The legislature further finds that the state's ability to
12 formulate strategies to enable persons with special needs to
13 secure suitable and affordable housing is hindered by the lack
14 of data about the housing issues faced by these special needs
15 populations.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii housing
17 finance and development corporation to study the current and



1 future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for
2 individuals with special needs.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii housing finance and development
4 corporation shall conduct a study to:

5 (1) Estimate the number of persons with special needs in
6 Hawaii, including but not limited to frail elderly
7 individuals, persons with physical or severe mental
8 disabilities, persons transitioning from
9 incarceration, emancipated foster youth, persons with
10 an alcohol or drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS,
11 and victims of domestic violence, who are in need of
12 housing;

13 (2) Identify the supportive services that individuals with
14 special needs require and inventory the number of
15 providers of supportive services in each county;

16 (3) Develop an information system to forecast and monitor
17 the number of individuals with special needs who are
18 seeking affordable housing; and

19 (4) Develop effective strategies to assist individuals
20 with special needs in accessing and retaining
21 affordable housing in independent settings.



1 The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation shall
 2 consult with community stakeholders to identify any other issues
 3 that should be included in the study's scope of work.

4 (b) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation
 5 shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations,
 6 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the legislature
 7 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
 8 sessions of 2019.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
 12 purposes of this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
 14 housing finance and development corporation.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 16 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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H.B. NO. 2748

Report Title:

Appropriation; Special Needs Housing Study; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct a study on the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs, and makes an appropriation.

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