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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. The legislature finds that homelessness  
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and  
3 challenging social problems. Homeless people face many  
4 different issues, including mental illness, substance abuse,  
5 loss of employment and income, and a lack of affordable housing.  
6 Appropriate funding for programs tailored to address these  
7 issues is essential.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii housing  
9 finance and development corporation to conduct a survey to  
10 identify and inventory state-owned and state-managed housing  
11 units that could provide affordable rental housing for the  
12 State's homeless. This Act also requires the department of  
13 human services to convene a homeless summit to develop  
14 strategies to address homelessness.

15           SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii housing finance and development  
16 corporation shall conduct a survey to identify and inventory  
17 state-owned and state-managed housing units statewide that are



1 vacant and could be used as affordable rental housing under  
2 chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including housing units  
3 that could be used as affordable rental housing if renovated or  
4 restored.

5 (b) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation  
6 shall report to the governor and the legislature, no later than  
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
8 2018, on the results of the survey conducted under this section,  
9 including providing an inventory list that identifies each  
10 vacant unit by legal owner, street location, and tax map key  
11 number.

12 SECTION 3. The department of human services shall convene  
13 a homeless summit to be held before December 1, 2017. The  
14 purpose of the summit shall be to gather experts from around the  
15 world to share and develop strategies to address homelessness.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the  
19 purpose of convening a homeless summit.

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



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# H.B. NO. 413

**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Affordable Housing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to conduct a survey of available state property that would be used to provide affordable rental housing. Requires DHS to convene a homeless summit. Appropriates money.

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