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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 coordinated
2 statewide homeless initiative provides important, cost-effective
3 homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services statewide
4 and increases coordination through the statewide information and
5 referral system on behalf of homeless individuals and those at
6 risk of homelessness. In approximately eight months, the
7 initiative provided financial assistance to 1,279 households,
8 thereby assisting 3,992 adults and children who were homeless or
9 at risk of becoming homeless.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
11 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
12 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless
13 people in the State.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,500,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2018-2019 to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
2 homeless initiative; provided that the following provisions
3 shall apply:

4 (1) The master contractor shall:

5 (A) Be provided the independent permit to modify the
6 scope of services, eligibility criteria, and
7 program operations; to be informed by the data
8 collected for purposes of continuous program
9 response and adaptation to client needs and
10 service environment;

11 (B) Have the deciding authority over selection of
12 provider agencies;

13 (C) Maintain decisive capacity over levels of
14 staffing, integration of 2-1-1 telephone
15 navigation services, and the operations budget of
16 the program, to maximize operational efficiency;

17 (D) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
18 house of representatives and senate committees on
19 housing and human services, respectively; and



1 (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
 2 providing performance information to respective
 3 state agencies; and

4 (2) Administrative fees of fifteen per cent shall be taken
 5 in total from the state grant; and

6 (3) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the
 7 start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative
 8 program to be managed by the master contractor;
 9 provided further that any contracts executed and using the
 10 appropriations authorized pursuant to this Act shall not be
 11 subject to chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F, Hawaii Revised
 12 Statutes.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
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Description:

Appropriates funds to DHS for the coordinated statewide homeless initiative, subject to certain conditions.

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