

1 addressed that impact the homeless, such as employment, job
2 training, and health care.

3 The purpose of this part is to authorize the issuance of
4 general obligation bonds, revenues from which are to be
5 deposited into the rental housing revolving fund to increase the
6 inventory of affordable rental housing, especially for low-
7 income individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of
8 becoming homeless.

9 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
10 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$64,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
12 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018
13 for the purposes set forth in section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised
14 Statutes; provided that:

15 (1) \$32,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in
16 projects that are for persons and families with
17 incomes at or below thirty per cent of the median
18 family income;

19 (2) \$16,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in
20 projects that are for persons and families with



1 incomes at or below fifty per cent of the median
2 family income; and
3 (3) \$16,000,000 shall be used for projects or units in
4 projects that are for persons and families with
5 incomes at or below eighty per cent of the median
6 family income;
7 provided further that modular housing may be considered as a
8 possible housing option.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
10 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
11 this part.

12 **PART II**

13 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that homelessness
14 continues to be an issue of concern for the State. Federal
15 statistics indicate that as of 2015, Hawaii had four hundred
16 eighty-seven homeless individuals per every one hundred thousand
17 people, the highest rate per capita in the nation. In 2016, the
18 legislature invested \$10,000,000 in new funding to address this
19 ongoing problem. The 2017-2018 executive biennium budget, as
20 submitted by the governor, proposes to invest an additional
21 \$20,900,000 in new funding to address homelessness issues.



1 However, the legislature believes that additional funding is
2 necessary to ensure that the State has adequate resources to
3 confront this challenge.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to allocate
5 additional funding to the department of human services to
6 support homelessness mitigation and prevention efforts in the
7 State.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2018-2019 to provide housing subsidies for homeless
13 families through the rent supplement program.

14 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2018-2019 for the housing first program to provide housing
19 and supportive services to homeless individuals who may have
20 mental health or addiction issues, and for the hiring of
21 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.



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