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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 is a
2 complex and multifaceted issue requiring planning, coordination,
3 implementation, and funding across federal, state, local,
4 business, and community lines. Locally, many government
5 agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other private sector
6 organizations have worked diligently and successfully to assist
7 those who are homeless. However, the homelessness crisis in
8 Hawaii continues to be experienced by many individuals and
9 families.

10 The legislature further finds that the construction of
11 housing for homeless individuals and families could provide a
12 much needed solution to this issue. By creating a stable
13 housing environment, other issues can be addressed that impact
14 the homeless, such as employment, job training, and health care.

15 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
16 general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the
17 construction of housing for homeless individuals and families.



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SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the purpose of constructing housing for homeless individuals and families.

7 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
8 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
9 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
10 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
11 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated in section 2 of this Act shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Housing; Homeless; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to finance the construction of housing for homeless individuals and families.

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