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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.

7 The coordinated statewide homeless initiative originated in
8 April 2016, to help hundreds of families to escape or avoid
9 homelessness. According to Aloha United Way, since the program
10 began, the program has helped more than fourteen hundred
11 households comprising four thousand three hundred individuals.
12 About three-quarters had been at risk of losing housing and the
13 rest were already homeless. Of these numbers, sixty-four per
14 cent included children.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide



1 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless
2 people in the State.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
6 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless
7 initiative; provided that the following provisions shall apply:

8 (1) The department of human services shall:

- 9 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to
10 procure and oversee subcontracts for the
11 provision of coordinated statewide homeless
12 initiative services, in accordance with chapter
13 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- 14 (B) Have oversight or manage the funds expended by
15 the master contractor; and
- 16 (C) Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
17 equitable procurement process consistent with the
18 goals of public accountability and public
19 procurement practices;

20 (2) The master contractor shall:



- 1 (A) Have the authority to modify the scope of
2 services of any subcontract to the master
3 contract, eligibility criteria, and program
4 operations and use data collected for continuous
5 program response, adaptation to client needs, and
6 service environment requirements;
- 7 (B) Have the deciding authority over selection of
8 provider agencies;
- 9 (C) Maintain decisive capacity over levels of
10 staffing, integration of 2-1-1 telephone
11 navigation services, and the operations budget of
12 the program in order to maximize operational
13 efficiency;
- 14 (D) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
15 house of representatives and senate committees on
16 housing and human services, respectively;
- 17 (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
18 providing performance information to respective
19 state agencies; and
- 20 (F) Be accountable for funds expended;



(3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees of fifteen per cent in total from the amounts paid under the master contract between the master contractor and subcontractors; and

(4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative program to be managed by the master contractor; provided that the administration of such funds shall conform to accepted industry financial accounting and performance standards;

provided further that any subcontracts to the master contract executed and using the appropriations authorized pursuant to this Act shall not be subject to chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of human services for the coordinated statewide homeless initiative, subject to certain conditions.

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