
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 escape or avoid
9 homelessness. According to Aloha United Way, since the program
10 began, the program has helped more than one thousand four
11 hundred households comprising four thousand eight hundred
12 individuals. About three-quarters of households had been at
13 risk of losing housing and the rest were already homeless. Of
14 these numbers, sixty-four per cent included children.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
17 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless
18 people in the State and to require the department of human



1 services to procure services of a master contractor to manage
2 subcontracts and expenditures for services provided through the
3 initiative.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
7 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless
8 initiative.

9 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the
10 appropriation under subsection (a):

11 (1) The department of human services shall:

12 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to
13 procure and oversee subcontracts for the
14 provision of coordinated statewide homeless
15 initiative services, in accordance with chapter
16 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

17 (B) Oversee the funds expended by the master
18 contractor; and

19 (C) Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
20 equitable procurement process for subcontracts
21 made between the master contractor and



1 subcontracted provider agencies which are
2 consistent with the goals of public
3 accountability and public procurement practices;

4 (2) The master contractor shall:

5 (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing
6 homeless diversion services for the State by
7 providing short-term financial assistance to
8 households that have entered the eviction
9 process;

10 (B) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system
11 mandated by the United States Department of
12 Housing and Urban Development to provide
13 navigation services and placement of homeless
14 households into permanent housing;

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

18 (D) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
19 providing performance information to respective
20 state agencies; and

21 (E) Be accountable for funds expended;



(3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees up to 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.

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.



Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
Master Contractor; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative. Requires the Department to procure the services of a master contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for services provided through the initiative. (CD1)

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