
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has a gap
2 in services for homeless individuals with severe mental illness,
3 as these individuals often cycle between homelessness, emergency
4 room treatment, incarceration, and hospitalization. Individuals
5 with severe mental illness typically become chronically homeless
6 and further burden the health care system through excessive use
7 of expensive emergency services, inpatient treatment, and crisis
8 services. The legislature further finds that homeless
9 individuals with severe mental illness who are discharged from
10 acute care often need services and shelter to assist in
11 transitioning back to healthy and successful lives.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
13 human services, in consultation with the department of health,
14 to issue a request for proposal to contract for services and
15 housing for homeless individuals with severe mental illness who
16 are discharged from acute care and require further medical
17 treatment and other supportive services.



1 SECTION 2. (a) Pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, the department of human services, in consultation with
3 the department of health, shall issue a request for proposal to
4 contract for services and housing for homeless individuals with
5 severe mental health illness who have been discharged from acute
6 care and require further medical treatment and other supportive
7 services.

8 (b) The department of human services may adopt rules
9 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to effectuate
10 this section.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for costs
14 necessary for services and housing for homeless individuals with
15 severe mental illness who have been discharged from acute care
16 and require further medical treatment and other supportive
17 services.

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

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



Report Title:

Individuals with Severe Mental Illness; Homeless; Request for Proposal; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of human services, in consultation with the department of health, to issue a request for proposal to contract for services and housing for homeless individuals with severe mental health illness who have been discharged from acute care and require further medical assistance. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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