
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
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and
3 challenging social problems. According to the 2016 Hawaii
4 Statewide Homeless Point-In-Time conducted in January 2016,
5 there are 7,921 homeless individuals in the State, an overall
6 increase of four per cent from 2015. Homelessness is a complex
7 issue that requires continuous resources and coordinated efforts
8 at all levels, including improving access to information of
9 homeless individuals who are served by service providers.
10 Oftentimes, critical services are delayed for homeless
11 individuals because of the difficulties in accessing pertinent
12 records and information.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to create
14 an integrated database with certain records of homeless
15 individuals for providers of homeless services to track services
16 and optimize costs and study the impact and feasibility of such
17 a database.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2018-2019 for the department of human services to create an
6 integrated database for providers of homeless services that
7 provides access to certain information about homeless
8 individuals served, including police, medical, social services,
9 and mental health records, to improve tracking services provided
10 and optimize costs and conduct a study on the impact and
11 feasibility of such a database.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

Homeless; Database; Study; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of human services to create an integrated database of certain information related to homeless individuals for providers of homeless services and study the impact and feasibility of such a database. (SD1)

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