
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 significant issue throughout the State. However, urban Honolulu
3 receives most of the moneys allocated to address the
4 homelessness issue. The legislature also finds that the State
5 is failing to collaborate with various local nonprofit
6 organizations throughout the State to address homelessness. The
7 legislature believes that the severity of homelessness
8 necessitates increased collaboration among the State, counties,
9 neighborhood boards, and nonprofit organizations.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the
11 governor's coordinator on homelessness, in conjunction with the
12 Hawaii interagency council on homelessness, to develop plans for
13 the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii,
14 Kauai, and Maui to coordinate the services and shelter
15 facilities of public agencies and nonprofit organizations to
16 meet the concerns of communities impacted by homelessness and



1 the needs of the homeless population of the regions within each
2 county.

3 SECTION 2. Section 346-381.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§346-381.5[+] **Governor's coordinator on homelessness.**

6 (a) The governor shall appoint the governor's coordinator on
7 homelessness for the proper administration and enforcement of
8 this chapter without regard to chapter 76.

9 (b) The governor's coordinator on homelessness, in
10 conjunction with the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness,
11 may develop plans for the city and county of Honolulu and the
12 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui to coordinate the services
13 and shelter facilities of public agencies and nonprofit
14 organizations to meet the concerns of communities impacted by
15 homelessness and the needs of the homeless population of regions
16 within each county. Each county plan shall identify regions
17 within each county and the specific goals and objectives for
18 each region. County coordinators shall take into account the
19 concerns of communities impacted by homelessness and the needs
20 of the homeless population of each region."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on May 1, 2029.



Report Title:

Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness; Homelessness; County Regional Plans

Description:

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