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# 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 there is no  
2 coordinated, statewide information system that tracks data  
3 related to homelessness. The two largest sources of information  
4 on homelessness are Partners In Care on Oahu and Bridging the  
5 Gap for the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. These two  
6 programs are part of Hawaii's continuum of care, which  
7 administers federal funding and oversees the coordinated entry  
8 system for homeless resources, such as permanent supportive  
9 housing, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing, in the  
10 State. Various state agencies, including the department of  
11 health, department of human services, department of public  
12 safety, and the judiciary, as well as county agencies, also  
13 maintain data relating to homelessness. Data relating to  
14 homelessness that is shared between governmental agencies and  
15 other organizations is currently done on a case-by-case basis to  
16 accomplish specific tasks.



1           The legislature further finds that the homelessness data  
2 collected within the State is siloed and subject to the rules  
3 that govern the collecting entity. The legislature believes  
4 that a statewide, shared homelessness information system can be  
5 used to determine the availability of services at any point-in-  
6 time to identify appropriate services, shelter, or housing  
7 available to assist persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk  
8 individuals; identify and report on gaps where homelessness  
9 services, shelter, or housing are required, but not available;  
10 and inform policymakers on where funding may be appropriated to  
11 address those gaps. The legislature also finds that a  
12 coordinated, statewide homelessness data system would provide  
13 helpful information to the Hawaii interagency council on  
14 homelessness, which was established to advise on homelessness  
15 issues within Hawaii.

16           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
17 statewide homelessness shelter and housing data clearinghouse to  
18 be administered by the governor's coordinator on homelessness.

19           SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by adding a new section to part XVIII to be  
21 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



1        "§346-        Statewide homelessness shelter and housing data  
2 clearinghouse; annual report. (a) There is established within  
3 the department of human services for administrative purposes a  
4 statewide homelessness shelter and housing data clearinghouse.  
5 The statewide shelter and housing data clearinghouse shall pull  
6 existing client-level data from existing databases, including  
7 but not be limited to information on persons experiencing  
8 homelessness and available services, shelters, and housing  
9 within the State.

10        (b) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall, with  
11 assistance from the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness,  
12 maintain the statewide homelessness shelter and housing data  
13 clearinghouse. The governor's coordinator on homelessness may  
14 consult with other departments or agencies regarding data  
15 security and client consent associated with in the maintenance  
16 of the statewide homelessness shelter and housing data  
17 clearinghouse.

18        (c) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall  
19 submit an annual report to the legislature on the homelessness  
20 data collected within the State, including any proposed



1 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 each regular session. The report shall also include:

3 (1) Performance metrics relating to reducing the numbers  
4 on homelessness;

5 (2) Performance metrics relating to housing and services  
6 inventory gaps, including but not limited to the  
7 number of persons experiencing homelessness served and  
8 placed into permanent housing and the cost per person  
9 served;

10 (3) Performance metrics to evaluate the State's  
11 performance on homeless services, housing, care  
12 coordination, and other needed services to end  
13 homelessness; and

14 (4) A long-term operational plan, including any funding  
15 requirements necessary for the continued operation of  
16 the statewide homelessness shelter and housing data  
17 clearinghouse."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the



1 establishment of a statewide homelessness shelter and housing  
2 data clearinghouse.

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

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.

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**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Statewide Shelter and Housing Data Clearinghouse;  
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**Description:**

Establishes a statewide homelessness shelter and housing data clearinghouse within the department of human services to be administered by the governor's coordinator on homelessness. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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