
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2 statewide homelessness information system working group to
3 assess the feasibility of establishing a statewide information
4 system that collects and tracks real-time data related to
5 homelessness in the State, including availability of services,
6 shelters, and low-cost housing in various regions of the State,
7 and that may be utilized by various government agencies to
8 provide efficient and effective assistance to individuals
9 experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
11 of human services for administrative purposes only the statewide
12 homelessness information system working group.

13 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
14 members:

15 (1) The chair of the senate standing committee on:

16 (A) Government operations; or

17 (B) Human services,



- 1 to be selected by the president of the senate, or the
2 chair's designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the
3 working group;
- 4 (2) The chair of the house of representatives standing
5 committee on:
- 6 (A) Government reform; or
7 (B) Health, human services, and homelessness,
8 to be selected by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives, or the chair's designee, who shall
10 serve as co-chair of the working group;
- 11 (3) The governor's coordinator on homelessness, or the
12 coordinator's designee;
- 13 (4) The director of human services, or the director's
14 designee;
- 15 (5) The attorney general, or the attorney general's
16 designee;
- 17 (6) The director of public safety, or the director's
18 designee;
- 19 (7) The state public defender, or the state public
20 defender's designee;



- 1 (8) The chief information officer of the State, or the
2 chief information officer's designee; and
- 3 (9) One member representing the prosecutor's office or
4 department of each county;
- 5 (10) One member representing the police department of each
6 county;
- 7 (11) One member representing a non-profit organization
8 providing continuum of care services on the island of
9 Oahu, who shall be invited to serve on the working
10 group; and
- 11 (12) One member representing a non-profit organization
12 providing continuum of care services on the islands of
13 Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, who shall be invited to serve
14 on the working group.
- 15 (c) The working group shall assess the feasibility of
16 establishing a statewide information system to collect and track
17 real-time data related to homelessness in the State, including
18 the availability of services, shelters, and low-cost housing in
19 various regions of the State, and that may be utilized by
20 various government agencies to provide efficient and effective



1 assistance to individuals experiencing, or at risk of
2 experiencing, homelessness.

3 (d) The working group shall submit a report of its
4 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
5 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
6 to the convening of the regular session of 2023. The report
7 shall include an assessment of:

8 (1) The forms of statewide homelessness information
9 systems that may be used in the State to collect,
10 track, and share data in compliance with federal and
11 state laws and regulations pertaining to the
12 protection of personal information, including the
13 federal Privacy Act of 1974, and the system most
14 suitable for implementation in the State;

15 (2) The financial feasibility of establishing and
16 maintaining the statewide homelessness information
17 system, including a cost-benefit analysis; and

18 (3) Whether funding for the operation of the statewide
19 homelessness information system should be included in
20 the base budget of the department of human services.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
4 the department of human services to contract with a third-party
5 to prepare the report required by section 2 of this Act.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.



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Report Title:

Homelessness; Statewide Homelessness Information System Working Group; Department of Human Services; Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Continua of Care; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a statewide homelessness information system working group to assess the feasibility of establishing a statewide information system to collect and track real-time data related to homelessness in the State, including availability of services, shelters, and low-cost housing in various regions of the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

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