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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 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 director of human services, or the director's  
16           designee;



- 1           (2) The governor's coordinator on homelessness, or the
- 2                    coordinator's designee;
- 3           (3) One member representing Partners in Care who shall be
- 4                    invited to serve on the working group;
- 5           (4) One member representing Bridging the Gap who shall be
- 6                    invited to serve on the working group;
- 7           (5) One member representing the prosecutor's office or
- 8                    department of each county;
- 9           (6) One member representing the police department of each
- 10                   county;
- 11           (7) The state public defender, or the state public
- 12                    defender's designee;
- 13           (8) The director of public safety, or the director's
- 14                    designee;
- 15           (9) The chair of the senate standing committee on:
- 16                    (A) Government operations; or
- 17                    (B) Human services,
- 18                    to be selected by the president of the senate, or the
- 19                    chair's designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the
- 20                    working group;



1 (10) The chair of the house of representatives standing  
2 committee on:

3 (A) Government reform; or

4 (B) Health, human services, and homelessness,  
5 to be selected by the speaker of the house of  
6 representatives, or the chair's designee, who shall  
7 serve as co-chair of the working group;

8 (11) The chief information officer of the State, or the  
9 chief information officer's designee; and

10 (12) The attorney general, or the attorney general's  
11 designee.

12 (c) The working group shall assess the feasibility of  
13 establishing a statewide information system to collect and track  
14 real-time data related to homelessness in the State, including  
15 the availability of services, shelters, and low-cost housing in  
16 various regions of the State, and that may be utilized by  
17 various government agencies to provide efficient and effective  
18 assistance to individuals experiencing, or at risk of  
19 experiencing, homelessness.

20 (d) The working group shall submit a report of its  
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2023. The report  
3 shall include an assessment of:

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

11 (2) The financial feasibility of establishing and  
12 maintaining the statewide homelessness information  
13 system, including a cost-benefit analysis; and

14 (3) Whether funding for the operation of the statewide  
15 homelessness information system should be included in  
16 the base budget of the department of human services.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 and the  
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
21 2023-2024 for the department of human services to contract with



1 a third-party to prepare the report required by section 2 of  
2 this Act.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
6 2050.



**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, and that may be utilized by various government agencies to provide efficient and effective assistance to individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness. Appropriates moneys. Effective 12/31/2050.  
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