
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness has and
2 continues to remain a persistent problem throughout the State.
3 For over ten years there has been no increase in funding for the
4 department of human services' homeless service contracts even as
5 costs for wages, utilities, and the administrative services of
6 running all businesses have increased. These contracts are
7 entered into by the State with partner organizations in all
8 counties to provide homeless outreach, shelter, case management,
9 and all of the attendant services to transition homeless
10 individuals from the streets to transitional housing and
11 ultimately to some form of supportive or permanent housing.

12 The purpose of this Act is to increase the base budget of
13 the department of human services homeless programs office's
14 homeless service contracts to enable partnership organizations
15 to address the high cost of living for their employees to ensure
16 that their critical work with Hawaii's homeless populations is
17 maintained.



1 SECTION 2. 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 2024-2025 for
 4 homeless programs; provided that the appropriated amount is an
 5 increase of per cent over the homeless programs office's
 6 base budget of \$ for fiscal year 2023-2024.

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

9 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 10 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
 11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
 12 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
 13 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
 14 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
 15 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
 16 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
 17 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
 18 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
 19 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
 20 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by



1 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
2 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

DHS; Homeless Services; Contracts; Expenditure Ceiling;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to increase the base budget of the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

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