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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 it is the duty of the  
2 statewide office on homelessness and housing solutions to  
3 "develop and test innovative solutions to prevent and end  
4 homelessness in the State". Since its establishment in 2023,  
5 \$112,452,080 in general funds and \$24,400,000 in general  
6 obligation bond funds have been appropriated for the statewide  
7 office on homelessness and housing solutions.

8           Despite the efforts and appropriations made in prior  
9 legislative sessions, the 2024 Homeless Point in Time count for  
10 Oahu noted a twelve per cent increase in the total number of  
11 people who experienced homelessness. Further, according to  
12 Honolulu Civil Beat, there were more homeless deaths on Oahu in  
13 the first eleven months of 2025 than the annual average for the  
14 prior five years. These figures indicate that more oversight is  
15 needed on the expenditure of public funds to address  
16 homelessness.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify  
2 reporting requirements of the statewide office on homelessness  
3 and housing solutions.

4           SECTION 2. Section 346-388, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           "~~§346-388~~ **Duties and responsibilities.** The office  
7 shall:

- 8           (1) Identify and address gaps in the homeless service  
9 system by:
- 10           (A) Developing a standard strategy for coordinated  
11 entry, needs assessment, and allocation of  
12 services and housing types to create pathways to  
13 permanent assisted and independent housing;
- 14           (B) Working with state departments and agencies to  
15 develop and maintain multi-year strategic and  
16 tactical plans and road maps as a part of the  
17 Hawaii interagency council on homelessness'  
18 unified ten-year statewide plan;
- 19           (C) Coordinating matters relating to homelessness and  
20 affordable housing between state and county  
21 agencies and private entities; and



1 (D) Developing and testing innovative solutions to  
2 prevent and end homelessness through  
3 collaboration with appropriate agencies;

4 (2) Provide administrative support for the Hawaii  
5 interagency council on homelessness in developing the  
6 council's unified ten-year statewide plan to address  
7 homelessness in all counties of the State; [~~and~~]

8 (3) Establish and maintain a statewide homelessness and  
9 housing data clearinghouse, which may include  
10 information on persons experiencing homelessness and  
11 available services, shelters, and housing[~~-~~]; and

12 (4) Report annually on the number of sheltered and  
13 unsheltered homeless individuals and the number of  
14 individuals who have been placed in permanent housing,  
15 supportive housing, and in permanent or independent  
16 living arrangements."

17 SECTION 3. Section 346-388.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19 "(b) The coordinator shall compile and consolidate  
20 information from the office and submit a report to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 each regular session, which shall include:

- 3 (1) Data on the number of beds, occupancy, duration of  
4 stay, types of services provided, and next planned  
5 destination of participants who left the kauhale;
- 6 (2) An evaluation of the kauhale to determine whether the  
7 objectives set have been met or exceeded; [~~and~~]
- 8 (3) Any proposed changes that need to be made to the  
9 performance measures used to assess the achievement of  
10 program goals[-];
- 11 (4) Information on all contracts entered into by the  
12 office for the purposes of this part, including  
13 contract amounts, contractor names, purpose of the  
14 contracts, any terms or conditions of the contracts,  
15 and performance outcomes in reducing the number of  
16 persons experiencing homelessness; and
- 17 (5) Any plans or proposals made by the office to enhance  
18 the kauhale project."

19 SECTION 4. Section 346-389, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



1           "~~§346-389~~ **Annual report.** The coordinator shall  
2 submit an annual progress report to the legislature no later  
3 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.  
4 The report shall include:

5           (1) Performance metrics relating to reducing the number of  
6 persons experiencing homelessness in the State;

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

12           (3) Performance metrics to evaluate the State's  
13 performance on homeless services, housing, care  
14 coordination, and other needed services to end  
15 homelessness in the State~~[-]~~;

16           (4) Actions and outcomes made by the office to coordinate  
17 with other county, state, or federal agencies, or  
18 private or nonprofit organizations, to reduce the  
19 number of persons experiencing homelessness in the  
20 State; and



1           (5) Metrics relating to homelessness pursuant to  
2                           section 346-388(4)."

3           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions;  
Homelessness; Reporting Requirements

**Description:**

Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to make an annual report on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and on housing placement. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on contracts and plans or proposals to enhance kauhale projects. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on coordination between the office and any county, state, or federal agencies, or private or nonprofit organizations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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