

JAN 23 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. By January 1, 2027, the department of human
2 services shall submit to the legislature a reorganization plan
3 to consolidate the statewide office on homelessness and housing
4 solutions with the homeless programs office. The plan shall
5 include a suggested timeline for the reorganization, as well as
6 recommendations for:

7 (1) Consolidating the statewide office on homelessness and
8 housing solutions with the homeless programs office
9 under a single centralized entity that shall be
10 responsible for overseeing all of the department of
11 human services' homelessness efforts;
12 (2) Establishing a data collection office within the
13 consolidated entity that shall be responsible for
14 collecting data on homelessness, including data from
15 programs currently administered by the homeless
16 programs office;



14 SECTION 2. Section 346-389, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:



10 (b) Beginning with the regular session of , the
11 office, and any successor entity, shall submit reports to the
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 each regular session, including:

14 (1) The status of the kauhale initiative, including
15 on:
16 (A) The number of individuals served;
17 (B) Lengths of stay; and
18 (C) Movement within the housing ladder;
19 (2) State contracts relating to homelessness, including
20 the homeless outreach and navigation for unsheltered
21 persons program, which shall detail:





1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be
2 allocated as follows:

3 (1) \$8,000,000 for the management of contracts with the
4 city and county of Honolulu, and any subcontracted
5 partners, for the homeless outreach and navigation for
6 unsheltered persons program and aala respite program;
7 and

8 (2) \$308,000 for the administration of the Hawaii
9 interagency council on homelessness and the operating
10 budget of the statewide office on homelessness and
11 housing solutions.

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

14 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
15 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$10,100,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2026-2027
18 for purposes of the kauhale initiative development project and
19 related capital improvement projects.

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

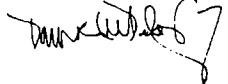


1 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement projects authorized by section 4 of this Act shall
3 not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the
4 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the
5 appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as
6 of that date.

7 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2803

Report Title:

DHS; Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions; Homeless Programs Office; Consolidation; Homelessness; Reports; Appropriation; GO Bonds

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a plan for the consolidation of the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions and Homeless Programs Office under a single centralized entity. Requires reports to the Legislature by the consolidated entity. Appropriates moneys. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Kauhale Initiative and related capital improvement projects.

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