
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall
2 submit to the legislature a reorganization plan to consolidate
3 the statewide office on homelessness and housing solutions with
4 the homeless programs office. The plan shall include a
5 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;



1 (3) Establishing requirements and procedures for data
2 reporting to the data collection office by any
3 programs currently receiving financial assistance from
4 the homeless programs office; provided that the
5 consolidated entity's data collection office may
6 establish specific requirements upon its
7 implementation;

8 (4) Establishing a plan for data sharing and collaboration
9 between the consolidated entity and continuums of
10 care; and

11 (5) Defining the responsibilities of any sub-office
12 established within the consolidated entity, in
13 addition to the data collection office.

14 (b) The department of human services shall submit a draft
15 plan and timeline for reorganization no later than twenty days
16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027, and
17 submit its final plan and timeline for reorganization and any
18 proposed legislation no later than twenty days prior to the
19 convening of the regular session of 2028.

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



1 "~~[+]§346-389[+]~~ **Annual ~~[report.]~~ reports.** (a) The
2 coordinator shall submit an annual progress report to the
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
4 each regular session. 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 **(b) Beginning with the regular session of _____, the**
17 **office, and any successor entity, shall submit reports to the**
18 **legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of**
19 **each regular session, including:**

20 **(1) The status of the kauhale initiative, including data**
21 **on:**



- 1 (A) The number of individuals served;
- 2 (B) Lengths of stay; and
- 3 (C) Movement within the housing ladder;
- 4 (2) State contracts relating to homelessness, including
5 the homeless outreach and navigation for unsheltered
6 persons program, which shall detail:
 - 7 (A) The scope of the contracts;
 - 8 (B) The number of individuals served by contracted
9 services; and
 - 10 (C) Information about movement through the housing
11 ladder facilitated by the contracts;
- 12 (3) Information on the department of human services'
13 efforts to address homelessness, including:
 - 14 (A) The consolidated entity's long-term plans to
15 address homelessness;
 - 16 (B) Point-in-time counts;
 - 17 (C) Data on the total number of individuals served by
18 the consolidated entity;
 - 19 (D) Data on the total number of individuals utilizing
20 any programs administered by the consolidated
21 entity; and



- 1 (E) Data reflecting the success of any program
- 2 administered by the consolidated entity; and
- 3 (4) Any other reports mandated by law."

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be
 7 allocated as follows:

8 (1) \$ for the management of contracts with the
 9 city and county of Honolulu, and any subcontracted
 10 partners, for the homeless outreach and navigation for
 11 unsheltered persons program and aala respite program;
 12 and

13 (2) \$ for the administration of the Hawaii
 14 interagency council on homelessness and the operating
 15 budget of the statewide office on homelessness and
 16 housing solutions.

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

19 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
 20 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
 21 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof



1 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2026-2027
2 for purposes of the kauhale initiative development project and
3 related capital improvement projects.

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

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

12 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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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 with a draft plan due prior to the 2027 Regular Session and the final plan due prior to the 2028 Regular Session. 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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