
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, including a continuum of housing solutions
11 aligned with the continuum of behavioral health care
12 needs; and
- 13 (5) Defining the responsibilities of any sub-office
14 established within the consolidated entity, in
15 addition to the data collection office.
- 16 (b) The department of human services shall submit a draft
17 plan and timeline for reorganization no later than twenty days
18 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027, and
19 submit its final plan and timeline for reorganization and any
20 proposed legislation no later than twenty days prior to the
21 convening of the regular session of 2028.



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

3 "~~[§346-389]~~ **Annual ~~report.~~ reports.** (a) The
4 coordinator shall submit an annual progress report to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 each regular session. The report shall include:

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

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

14 (3) Performance metrics to evaluate the State's
15 performance on homeless services, housing, care
16 coordination, and other needed services to end
17 homelessness in the State, including whether
18 placements are appropriately matched to service needs.

19 (b) Beginning with the regular session of _____, the
20 office, and any successor entity, shall submit reports to the



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

3 (1) The status of the kauhale initiative, including data
4 on:

5 (A) The number of individuals served;

6 (B) Lengths of stay; and

7 (C) Movement within the housing ladder;

8 (2) State contracts relating to homelessness, including
9 the homeless outreach and navigation for unsheltered
10 persons program, which shall detail:

11 (A) The scope of the contracts;

12 (B) The number of individuals served by contracted
13 services; and

14 (C) Information about movement through the housing
15 ladder facilitated by the contracts;

16 (3) Information on the department of human services'
17 efforts to address homelessness, including:

18 (A) The consolidated entity's long-term plans to
19 address homelessness;

20 (B) Point-in-time counts;



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

3 SECTION 4. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2026-2027
7 for purposes of the kauhale initiative development project and
8 related capital improvement projects.

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

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

17 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Requires DOH to submit a reorganization plan to the Legislature to consolidate the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions with the Homeless Programs Office under a single centralized entity. Specifies the contents of the reorganization plan and the dates by which the draft and final plan and timeline for reorganization must be submitted to the Legislature. Requires the consolidated entity to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriate funds. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Kauhale Initiative and related capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/3000.
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