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S.B. NO. 901

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chronic homelessness
2 in Hawaii is a serious problem. One of the many barriers faced
3 by homeless persons is the lack of available rental housing.
4 The legislature also finds that King county, in Washington
5 state, created the landlord liaison project in March 2009 to
6 help homeless clients obtain private market rental housing. The
7 landlord liaison project created incentives for landlords to
8 relax their screening criteria for homeless people who face
9 barriers in accessing permanent housing. In the first ten
10 months of the project, the King county landlord liaison project
11 was quite successful. One hundred forty-seven households were
12 placed in permanent housing, and ninety-six per cent of the
13 client households retained their housing six months after moving
14 in. The legislature finds that Hawaii would greatly benefit by
15 funding a similar project to help increase the availability of
16 rental housing for persons who face obstacles in moving from
17 homelessness to permanent housing and persons with lower incomes
18 who need to find affordable rental housing.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
2 creation of a landlord liaison project.


3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2012-2013 for the creation and funding of a landlord
8 liaison project.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
10 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____


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Report Title:

Landlord Liaison Project; Homelessness; Affordable Housing; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a landlord liaison project; funds to be expended by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation.

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