
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 housing placement program to help increase the
16 availability of rental housing for persons who face obstacles in
17 moving from homelessness to permanent housing and persons with
18 lower incomes who need to find affordable rental housing.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
2 housing placement program.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2012-2013 for the funding of the housing placement program
8 within the homeless programs office of the department of human
9 services.

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

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

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Report Title:

Housing Placement Program; Homelessness; Affordable Housing;
Homeless Programs Office; DHS; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the housing placement program within the
homeless programs office of the department of human services;
funds to be expended by the department of human services. (SD1)

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