

S.C.R. NO. 13

JAN 28 2015

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A
WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR
COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH.

1 WHEREAS, ACT 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as amended
2 by ACT 76, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, finds that homelessness
3 is a complex and multifaceted issue requiring planning,
4 coordination implementation, and funding across federal, state,
5 local, business, and community lines; and
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7 WHEREAS, section 346-381(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 provides that "[t]he Hawaii interagency council on homelessness
9 shall:

- 10 (1) Serve as the statewide homelessness planning and
11 policy development entity with broad representation
12 from state and county government and the community;
- 13 (2) Formulate, and advise the governor on the
14 implementation of, a unified ten-year statewide plan
15 to address homelessness in all Hawaii counties;
- 16 (3) Facilitate the acquisition of funding and resources
17 for state and county homeless programs;
- 18 (4) Recommend policy, regulatory, and statutory changes,
19 and identify resource strategies for the successful
20 execution of the ten-year plan;
- 21 (5) Assemble accurate fiscal and demographic information
22 to support policy development and track outcomes;
- 23 (6) Consider collaborative homelessness initiatives of
24 other states that have demonstrated positive
25 measurable outcomes as possible models for state and
26 local programs;
- 27 (7) Promote systems integration and of social, health,
28 training, and housing services to reduce duplication
29 among homeless assistance programs;
- 30 (8) Advise on the development and implementation of a
31 public education program on homelessness in Hawaii and

1 disseminate information including data and best
2 practices; and

- 3 (9) Report annually to the governor, the legislature, and
4 the mayor of each county on the progress of its
5 activities, including formulation and progress of the
6 ten-year plan no later than twenty days prior to the
7 convening of each regular session; and
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9 WHEREAS, the United States Interagency Council on
10 Homelessness, in its 2013 report, Framework to End Youth
11 Homelessness, provides that, we know too little about the scale
12 and nature of youth homelessness. Although important
13 contributions to the knowledge base, currently used estimates of
14 youth homelessness are outdated and have significant
15 limitations; and
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17 WHEREAS, no one system of services can alone meet the
18 various and wide-ranging needs of every homeless youth, it is
19 crucial for the multiple state departments to work together and
20 address these needs; and
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22 WHEREAS, currently, the Department of Education, in its
23 Longitudinal Data System, the DOE McKinney-Vento Compliance
24 Office, the Department of Housing and Urban Development through
25 its Housing Management Information System, and the Department of
26 the Attorney General maintain some youth homeless data, limited
27 data is being shared across offices and departments; and
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29 WHEREAS, thoughtful policy decisions can best be made when
30 they are informed by accurate and timely data; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
34 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii Interagency
35 Council on Homelessness is requested to convene a task force for
36 the purpose identifying data points most useful for identifying
37 and assessing the homeless youth population in the state and
38 design a system for collecting, consolidating, securing, and
39 sharing that data across departments; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
42 include the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness or his/her
43 designee, the State Chief Information Officer or his/her
44 designee, the Superintendent of the Department of Education or
45 his/her designee, the State McKinney-Vento Program Manager or

1 his/her designee, the Director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for
2 Education or his/her designee, Hawaii Center on the Family
3 Director or his/her designee, US Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development, the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, Hawaii
5 County Homeless Coordinator, Maui County Homeless Coordinator,
6 Kauai County Homeless Coordinator, and the City and County of
7 Honolulu Homeless Coordinator; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit its
10 findings and recommendations in a report to the Governor and the
11 Legislature twenty days prior to the opening of the Legislature
12 in 2016; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the task
16 force identified.
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18 OFFERED BY:


BY REQUEST

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Office of the Governor

TITLE: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH

PURPOSE: Requests that the Interagency Council on Homelessness convene a working group to determine best practices for collecting, storing and sharing data on homeless youth.

MEANS: Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as amended by Act 76, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

JUSTIFICATION: Very little is known about the scale and nature of youth homelessness. While many departments and agencies across the state provide services to homeless youth, the absence of a coordinated data system limits policymakers' and service providers' ability to make informed decisions.

This resolution requests that the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness convene a task force to identify data points most useful for identifying and assessing the homeless youth population in the state and design a system for collecting, consolidating, securing, and sharing that data across departments

Impact on the public: None

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Improves department access to information on homeless youth

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GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

Department of Education, Office of the
Attorney General, Hawaii County, Maui
County, Kauai County, City and County of
Honolulu, United States Department of
Housing and Urban Development,

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.