
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coordinated
2 statewide homeless initiative provides important, cost-effective
3 homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services statewide
4 and increases coordination through the statewide information and
5 referral system on behalf of homeless individuals and those at
6 risk of homelessness. In approximately eight months, the
7 initiative provided financial assistance to 1,279 households,
8 thereby assisting 3,992 adults and children who were homeless or
9 at risk of becoming homeless.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
11 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
12 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless
13 people in the State.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,500,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2018-2019 to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
2 homeless initiative; provided that the following provisions
3 shall apply:

4 (1) The department of human services shall:

5 (A) Procure the services of the master contractor in
6 accordance with chapters 103D or 103F, Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes;

8 (B) Have oversight or manage the funds expended by
9 the master contractor; and

10 (C) Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
11 equitable procurement process consistent with the
12 goals of public accountability and public
13 procurement practices;

14 (2) The master contractor shall:

15 (A) Be provided the independent permit to modify the
16 scope of services, eligibility criteria, and
17 program operations; to be informed by the data
18 collected for purposes of continuous program
19 response and adaptation to client needs and
20 service environment;



- 1 (B) Have the deciding authority over selection of
2 provider agencies;
- 3 (C) Maintain decisive capacity over levels of
4 staffing, integration of 2-1-1 telephone
5 navigation services, and the operations budget of
6 the program, to maximize operational efficiency;
- 7 (D) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
8 house of representatives and senate committees on
9 housing and human services, respectively;
- 10 (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
11 providing performance information to respective
12 state agencies; and
- 13 (F) Be accountable for funds expended;
- 14 (3) Administrative fees of fifteen per cent shall be taken
15 in total from the state grant; and
- 16 (4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the
17 start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative
18 program to be managed by the master contractor;
19 provided further that any contracts executed and using the
20 appropriations authorized pursuant to this Act shall not be



1 subject to chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon a date to be
6 determined.



Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the coordinated statewide homeless initiative, subject to certain conditions. (HB1240 HD1)

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