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## 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 continued  
2 issuance of supplementary proclamations to the October 16, 2015,  
3 Emergency Proclamation Addressing Homelessness by the governor  
4 shows that the statewide homelessness emergency persists. The  
5 coordinated statewide homeless initiative has provided  
6 important, cost-effective homelessness diversion services and  
7 has increased coordination within the homeless service network  
8 through the statewide information and referral system on behalf  
9 of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness.  
10           In eighteen months, the initiative provided financial  
11 assistance to 1,610 households, assisting 4,944 adults and  
12 children who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by  
13 providing short term assistance to prevent eviction and  
14 decreasing the eviction rate in family court by twenty-five per  
15 cent. The legislature further finds that the landlord  
16 coordination program, established as a part of the initiative,  
17 reached over seven thousand landlords and led to 1,596 rental



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1 placements, which is a critical element of the effort to address  
2 the homelessness issue.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
4 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide  
5 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless  
6 people in the State.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
10 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless  
11 initiative; provided that the following provisions shall apply:

- 12 (1) The department of human services shall:
  - 13 (A) Procure the services of a contractor in  
14 accordance with chapters 103D or 103F, Hawaii  
15 Revised Statutes;
  - 16 (B) Have oversight of or manage the funds expended by  
17 the contractor; and
  - 18 (C) In coordination with the selected contractor,  
19 develop policies and procedures for a fair and  
20 equitable procurement process consistent with



1                   the goals of public accountability and public  
2                   procurement practices;

3           (2) The contractor shall:

4                   (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing  
5                   homeless diversion services for the State by  
6                   providing short-term financial assistance to  
7                   households that have entered the eviction  
8                   process;

9                   (B) Maintain staffing of the homeless coordination  
10                  center within the statewide 2-1-1 information and  
11                  referral system and operation of the state-of-  
12                  the-art call center system procured for the  
13                  initiative;

14                  (C) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system  
15                  mandated by the United States Department of  
16                  Housing and Urban Development to provide  
17                  navigation services and placement of homeless  
18                  households into permanent housing;

19                  (D) Provide oversight of provider operations and  
20                  budget to maximize operational efficiency;



1           (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for  
2           providing performance information to respective  
3           state agencies;

4           (F) Provide quarterly reports to the legislature and  
5           the department of human services; and

6           (G) Be accountable for funds expended; and

7           (3) Administrative, operating, and personnel expenses  
8           shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the state award.

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

11          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
13          thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
14          continue and improve landlord outreach and liaison activities  
15          within the coordinated statewide homeless initiative; provided  
16          that the following provisions shall apply:

17          (1) The department of human services shall:

18                (A) Procure the services of a contractor in  
19                accordance with chapters 103D or 103F, Hawaii  
20                Revised Statutes;



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- 1 (B) Have oversight of or manage the funds expended by
- 2 the contractor; and
- 3 (C) In coordination with the homeless programs
- 4 office, develop policies and procedures for the
- 5 implementation of a landlord liaison program,
- 6 which includes recruitment of landlords and
- 7 procedures for landlords to provide pre-eviction
- 8 notification and obtain problem-tenant
- 9 intervention and damage mitigation services;
- 10 (2) The contractor shall:
  - 11 (A) Administer the landlord liaison program within
  - 12 the homeless coordination center established by
  - 13 the department of human services;
  - 14 (B) Provide staffing for the landlord liaison program
  - 15 and space for the program within or accessible to
  - 16 the homeless coordination center;
  - 17 (C) Provide connectivity to the 2-1-1 information and
  - 18 referral service and use 2-1-1 as the primary
  - 19 link between landlords and the program;
  - 20 (D) Establish procedures to enable the landlord
  - 21 liaison program to coordinate with the



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1 coordinated entry system required by the United  
 2 States Department of Housing and Urban  
 3 Development to provide navigation services and  
 4 placement of homeless households into permanent  
 5 housing;

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 7 budget to maximize operational efficiency;

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 15 shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the state award.

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 17 human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018

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**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.

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