
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.

7 The coordinated statewide homeless initiative originated in
8 April 2016 to help hundreds of families escape or avoid
9 homelessness. According to Aloha United Way, since the program
10 began, the program has helped more than one thousand four
11 hundred households comprising four thousand eight hundred
12 individuals. About three-quarters of households had been at
13 risk of losing housing and the rest were already homeless. Of
14 these numbers, sixty-four per cent included children.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 moneys to continue and improve the coordinated statewide
17 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless



1 people in the State and to require the department of human
2 services to procure services of a master contractor to manage
3 subcontracts and expenditures for services provided through the
4 initiative.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
8 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless
9 initiative, which shall be allocated as follows:

10 (1) \$ for the continuation of the statewide
11 homeless initiative; and

12 (2) \$ for landlord outreach and liaison activities
13 within the coordinated statewide homeless initiative,
14 subject to subsection (b).

15 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the
16 appropriation under subsection (a):

17 (1) The department of human services shall:

18 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to
19 procure and oversee subcontracts for the
20 provision of coordinated statewide homeless



1 initiative services, in accordance with chapter
2 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

3 (B) Oversee the funds expended by the master
4 contractor; and

5 (C) Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
6 equitable procurement process for subcontracts
7 made between the master contractor and
8 subcontracted provider agencies which are
9 consistent with the goals of public
10 accountability and public procurement practices;

11 (2) The master contractor shall:

12 (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing
13 homeless diversion services for the State by
14 providing short-term financial assistance to
15 households that have entered the eviction
16 process;

17 (B) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system
18 mandated by the United States Department of
19 Housing and Urban Development to provide
20 navigation services and placement of homeless
21 households into permanent housing;



1 (C) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
2 house of representatives and senate committees on
3 housing and human services, respectively;

4 (D) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
5 providing performance information to respective
6 state agencies; and

7 (E) Be accountable for funds expended;

8 (3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees
9 up to fifteen per cent in total from the amounts paid
10 under the master contract between the master
11 contractor and subcontractors; and

12 (4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the
13 start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative
14 program to be managed by the master contractor;
15 provided that the administration of the funds shall
16 conform to accepted industry financial accounting and
17 performance standards;

18 provided further that any subcontracts to the master contract
19 executed and using the appropriations authorized pursuant to
20 this Act shall not be subject to chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F,
21 Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Homelessness; DHS; Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative;
Master Contractor; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative. Requires the Department to procure the services of a master contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for services provided through the initiative. (SB2027 HD1)

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