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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 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 fourteen hundred  
11 households comprising four thousand eight hundred individuals.  
12 About three-quarters of households had been at risk of losing  
13 housing and the rest were already homeless. Of these numbers,  
14 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



1 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless  
2 people in the State.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,500,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
6 continue and improve the coordinated statewide homeless  
7 initiative, which shall be allocated as follows:

8 (1) \$2,000,000 for the continuation of the statewide  
9 homeless initiative; and

10 (2) \$500,000 for landlord outreach and liaison activities  
11 within the coordinated statewide homeless initiative,  
12 subject to subsection (b);

13 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the  
14 appropriation under subsection (a):

15 (1) The department of human services shall:

16 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to  
17 procure and oversee subcontracts for the  
18 provision of coordinated statewide homeless  
19 initiative services, in accordance with chapter  
20 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;



- 1 (B) Have oversight or manage the funds expended by
- 2 the master contractor; and
- 3 (C) Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
- 4 equitable procurement process consistent with the
- 5 goals of public accountability and public
- 6 procurement practices;
- 7 (2) The master contractor shall:
- 8 (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing
- 9 homeless diversion services for the State by
- 10 providing short-term financial assistance to
- 11 households that have entered the eviction
- 12 process;
- 13 (B) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system
- 14 mandated by the United States Department of
- 15 Housing and Urban Development to provide
- 16 navigation services and placement of homeless
- 17 households into permanent housing;
- 18 (C) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
- 19 house of representatives and senate committees on
- 20 housing and human services, respectively;



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

4 (E) Be accountable for funds expended;

5 (3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees  
6 of fifteen per cent in total from the amounts paid  
7 under the master contract between the master  
8 contractor and subcontractors; and

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

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

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

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



**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. (SD1)

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