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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. 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 \$                    or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 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 a master contractor to  
6 procure and oversee subcontracts for the  
7 provision of coordinated statewide homeless  
8 initiative services, in accordance with chapter  
9 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

10 (B) Have oversight or manage the funds expended by  
11 the master contractor; and

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

16 (2) The master contractor shall:

17 (A) Have the authority to modify the scope of  
18 services of any subcontract to the master  
19 contract, eligibility criteria, and program  
20 operations and use data collected for continuous



- 1 program response, adaptation to client needs, and  
2 service environment requirements;
- 3 (B) Have the deciding authority over selection of  
4 provider agencies;
- 5 (C) Maintain decisive capacity over levels of  
6 staffing, integration of 2-1-1 telephone  
7 navigation services, and the operations budget of  
8 the program in order to maximize operational  
9 efficiency;
- 10 (D) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the  
11 house of representatives and senate committees on  
12 housing and human services, respectively;
- 13 (E) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for  
14 providing performance information to respective  
15 state agencies; and
- 16 (F) Be accountable for funds expended;
- 17 (3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees  
18 of fifteen per cent in total from the amounts paid  
19 under the master contract between the master  
20 contractor and subcontractors; and



1           (4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the  
2           start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative  
3           program to be managed by the master contractor;  
4           provided that the administration of such funds shall  
5           conform to accepted industry financial accounting and  
6           performance standards;  
7 provided further that any subcontracts to the master contract  
8 executed and using the appropriations authorized pursuant to  
9 this Act shall not be subject to chapters 42F, 103D, and 103F,  
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

13           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

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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. Takes effect 7/1/2030. (SD1)

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