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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness  
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and  
3 challenging social problems. The legislature further finds that  
4 according to a recent report, 14,200 homeless individuals were  
5 served through shelter and outreach programs in fiscal year  
6 2011. Of these individuals, 9,781 resided in the city and  
7 county of Honolulu. The legislature also finds that homeless  
8 service providers estimate that 6,000 homeless people in the  
9 State need shelter each night.

10           The legislature additionally finds that homelessness is a  
11 complex issue that requires continuous resources and coordinated  
12 efforts at all levels. The legislature also finds that homeless  
13 persons face a myriad of issues, including mental illness,  
14 substance abuse, loss of employment and income, and lack of  
15 affordable housing. Appropriate funding for programs and  
16 services tailored to address these issues is essential.



1           The purpose of this Act is to better assist individuals  
2 facing or experiencing homelessness by funding various homeless  
3 and housing programs.

4           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
7 the homeless programs office of the department of human  
8 services, to assist homeless and at-risk homeless individuals  
9 and families with housing placement, health, education,  
10 employment, and other support services.

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

13           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
16 the rental housing trust fund.

17           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
18 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of  
19 this Act.

20           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for



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1 substance abuse treatment and mental health support services for  
2 individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 health for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
8 clean and sober housing support services.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the alcohol and  
10 drug abuse division of the department of health for the purposes  
11 of this Act.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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**Report Title:**

Homeless; Housing; Substance Abuse; Mental Health; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the homeless programs office of the department of human services and the rental housing trust fund. Appropriates funds to the department of health for substance abuse treatment, mental health support services, and clean and sober housing services.

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