
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of housing and community
2 development corporation is required by the federal Department of
3 Housing and Urban Development to implement and operate an
4 effective management and information system. The management and
5 information system provides census data and service utilization
6 information on Hawaii's homeless population.

7 Current census data on the system contains information on
8 the extent, characteristics, and causes of homelessness in all
9 four counties. However, due to underfunding and understaffing
10 of the current management and information system, there is
11 incorrect data on homeless service utilization. The legislature
12 recognizes the importance of accurate census and utilization
13 information in the context of continued federal funding and in
14 evaluating the progress in reducing homelessness in Hawaii.

15 An effective management and information system will help
16 ensure competitiveness in receiving funds from the Department of
17 Housing and Urban Development. Information on population
18 estimates, geographic distribution, ethnic composition, needs



1 assessment, and identification of key populations will be
2 valuable in securing related federal funding targeted at
3 homeless sub-populations, including veterans, ex-offenders, and
4 children, and in allocating state funds. Moreover, updated and
5 accurate data will assist in procuring additional homeless
6 services funding from private sources.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 201G-432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 "(d) The fund shall be used to provide loans or grants for
10 the development, pre-development, construction, acquisition,
11 preservation, and substantial rehabilitation of rental housing
12 units. Permitted uses of the fund may include but are not
13 limited to planning, design, land acquisition, costs of options,
14 agreements of sale, downpayments, equity financing, capacity
15 building of nonprofit housing developers, or other housing
16 development services or activities as provided in rules adopted
17 by the administration pursuant to chapter 91. The rules may
18 provide for a means of recapturing loans or grants made from the
19 fund if a rental housing project financed under the fund is
20 refinanced or sold at a later date. The rules may also provide
21 that moneys from the fund shall be leveraged with other
22 financial resources to the extent possible.



1 The fund shall also be used to establish, maintain, and
2 operate a management and information system to provide accurate
3 data on persons who are homeless. The administration shall
4 enter into a contract for this purpose with a qualified private
5 entity, subject to the requirements of chapter 103D, provided
6 that the contract amount does not exceed \$150,000 during any
7 fiscal year."

8 SECTION 3. Act 196, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2005, is
9 amended by amending section 41 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 41. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2005;
11 provided that:

12 (1) Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and
13 30 shall take effect on July 1, 2006;

14 (2) Section 37 shall take effect upon the date specified
15 by the governor pursuant to the notice provided under
16 section 36 of this Act if, prior to July 1, 2007, the
17 United States Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development declares the housing and community
19 development corporation of Hawaii to be in substantial
20 default of the Memorandum of Understanding dated
21 September 30, 2004;



1 (3) Sections 36 and 37 shall be repealed on July 1, 2007;
2 and

3 (4) Section 5 shall be repealed on June 30, 2010, and
4 section 201G-432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
5 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
6 prior to the effective date of this Act~~[-]~~; provided
7 that the amendments made to section 201G-432 by
8 section 2 of Act _____, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006,
9 shall be retained."

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes a management and information system for census data and services provided to the homeless population.

