
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The State is required by the Department of
2 Housing and Urban Development to provide accurate and updated
3 information every two years on the prevalence of Hawaii's
4 homeless population. A census of Hawaii's homeless residents
5 was completed in the years 2003 and 2005. The biennial census
6 has provided information on the extent, characteristics, and
7 causes of homelessness.

8 It is anticipated that the Department of Housing and Urban
9 Development will mandate communities to begin performing a
10 yearly census. The completion of an annual census of persons
11 who are homeless will help to ensure competitiveness in
12 receiving funds from the Department of Housing and Urban
13 Development. Information on population estimates, geographic
14 distribution, ethnic composition, needs assessment, and
15 identification of key populations will be valuable in securing
16 related federal funding targeted at homeless sub-populations,
17 including veterans, ex-offenders, and children. Moreover,
18 updated and accurate data will assist in procuring additional



1 homeless services funding from private sources, as well as
2 evaluating progress on reducing homelessness in Hawaii.

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

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

19 The fund shall also be used to conduct an annual census of
20 people who are homeless. The administration may enter into a
21 contract for this purpose with a qualified private entity,
22 subject to the requirements of chapter 103D, provided that the



1 contract amount does not exceed \$100,000 during any fiscal
2 year."

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

5 SECTION 41. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2005;
6 provided that:

7 (1) Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and
8 30 shall take effect on July 1, 2006;

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

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

19 (4) Section 5 shall be repealed on June 30, 2010, and
20 section 201G-432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
21 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
22 prior to the effective date of this Act[-]; provided



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Report Title:

Homeless; Annual Study; Census

Description:

Requires an annual census of the homeless population at each county.

