

JAN 18 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WEST HAWAII HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the island of Hawaii
2 has experienced a large population increase over the last six
3 years. This rapid population growth surpasses the other rural
4 island counties.

5 The legislature finds that homelessness is a problem that
6 affects the community's health and public safety on the island
7 of Hawaii.

8 The island of Hawaii has the largest proportion of homeless
9 persons when compared to its total population and the only
10 temporary shelter that serves the homeless population of west
11 Hawaii is closing.

12 The county of Hawaii is proposing to replace the existing
13 facility with the Kaloko housing program.

14 The Kaloko housing program will be constructed on an eight
15 acre parcel acquired by the county of Hawaii. The site is
16 located north of Kaloko Industrial Park, off Hina-Lani street in
17 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (tax map key: 7-3-009:055). The county of



1 Hawaii will facilitate the development of approximately fifty
2 multi-family, cluster homes, which will house and provide
3 housing sustainability services to families negatively impacted
4 by homelessness.

5 This appropriation is intended to help with construction of
6 the facility that will provide housing for individuals and
7 families that are successfully transitioning through the
8 homeless continuum. In addition to the provision of rental
9 housing, participants of this program will have access to
10 on-site case management, health and life skills training,
11 employment training, and other necessary services. The facility
12 will be unique in that support services will be provided in
13 conjunction with permanent housing, which encourages housing
14 sustainability for a longer term in comparison to that of an
15 emergency or transitional housing situation.

16 The site for the program will be located at tax map key
17 7-3-009:055, which was obtained by the county of Hawaii through
18 a dedication of land for affordable housing. The program will
19 be comprised of affordable rental units (one- and two-bedroom),
20 emergency units (for displaced individuals/families), office
21 space, meeting rooms for case management and training,
22 laundering facilities, and a common area/gathering place.



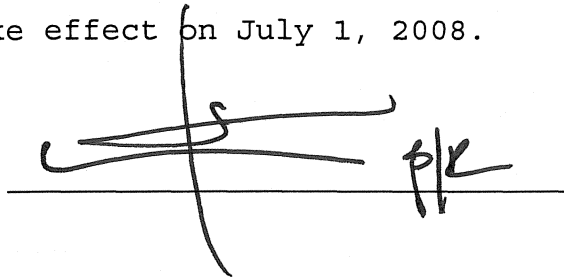
1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
4 support of the Kaloko housing program.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
6 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Hawaii County Package; Appropriation; West Hawaii Housing

Description:

Appropriates funds to help with construction of a facility that will provide housing and services for individuals and families that are successfully transitioning through the homeless continuum on the island of Hawaii.

