
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

PART I

1
2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chronic homelessness
3 in Hawaii is a serious problem. One of the many barriers faced
4 by homeless persons is the lack of available rental housing.
5 The legislature also finds that King county, in Washington
6 state, created the landlord liaison project in March 2009 to
7 help homeless clients obtain private market rental housing. The
8 landlord liaison project created incentives for landlords to
9 relax their screening criteria for homeless people who face
10 barriers in accessing permanent housing. In the first ten
11 months of the project, the King county landlord liaison project
12 was quite successful. One hundred forty-seven households were
13 placed in permanent housing, and ninety-six per cent of the
14 client households retained their housing six months after moving
15 in. The legislature finds that Hawaii would greatly benefit by
16 funding a similar housing placement program to help increase the
17 availability of rental housing for persons who face obstacles in



1 moving from homelessness to permanent housing and persons with
2 lower incomes who need to find affordable rental housing.

3 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for the
4 housing placement program.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2012-2013 for the funding of the housing placement program
10 within the homeless programs office of the department of human
11 services.

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

14 **PART II**

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
19 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and
20 increase affordable housing units in the State of Hawaii.

21 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
22 community development authority for the purposes of this part.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 5 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and
 6 increase affordable housing units in the State of Hawaii.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
 8 housing finance and development corporation for the purposes of
 9 this part.

10 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
 13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 14 year 2012-2013 to improve existing public housing stock and
 15 increase public housing units in the State of Hawaii.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
 17 public housing authority for the purposes of this part.

18 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
 21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 22 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and



1 increase affordable housing units in the city and county of
2 Honolulu.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and
4 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this part.

5 SECTION 7. 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 2011-2012 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and
10 increase affordable housing units in the county of Maui.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
12 Maui for the purposes of this part.

13 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and
18 increase affordable housing units in the county of Hawaii.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
20 Hawaii for the purposes of this part.

21 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2012-2013 to improve existing affordable housing stock and
4 increase affordable housing units in the county of Kauai.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
6 Kauai for the purposes of this part.

7 **PART III**

8 SECTION 10. To immediately implement the housing first
9 program under section 346-378, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
10 department of human services shall:

11 (1) Identify state, county, and privately-owned real
12 estate properties statewide that are appropriately
13 zoned and have necessary infrastructure in place for
14 the development of affordable rental housing for low-
15 income individuals and families under the housing
16 first program;

17 (2) Identify and provide a feasibility and cost analysis
18 regarding an appropriate site on state, county, or
19 privately-owned real estate property that is
20 appropriately zoned and has necessary infrastructure
21 in place for the development, by new construction or
22 refurbishing, of an initial housing first program



1 model housing project that focuses on single-resident
2 occupancy affordable rental housing; provided that the
3 site shall be centrally located within an urban core;

4 (3) Strive to locate health, social, educational, and
5 employment services on housing first program project
6 sites, where appropriate; and

7 (4) Identify dedicated funding sources for the housing
8 first program.

9 SECTION 11. For purposes of section 10 of this Act, the
10 department of human services shall report its findings and
11 recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later
12 than December 1, 2011. The findings and recommendations shall
13 include:

14 (1) The identification of each property by legal owner,
15 street location, and tax map key number;

16 (2) The description of the existing use of each property
17 and the current zoning designation of the property;

18 (3) Information on the value of each property and the
19 basis of the valuation;

20 (4) An analysis of the potential for each property to
21 implement housing first programs and services; and



1 (5) The identification of dedicated funding sources for
2 housing first programs and services.

3 **PART IV**

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Housing Placement Program; Homelessness; Affordable Housing;
Homeless Programs Office; DHS; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the housing placement program within the homeless programs office of DHS. Makes appropriations to improve the existing public and affordable housing stock and increase public and affordable housing units in the State. Requires DHS to immediately implement the housing first program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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