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S.B. NO. 947

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is the
2 resulting condition of Hawaii's most vulnerable. The
3 legislature further finds that according to a 2010 report, some
4 13,886 adults and children in Hawaii experienced homelessness.
5 This represents a three per cent increase from a year ago.

6 The state homeless programs office provides services
7 critical to the homeless safety net, including developing
8 programs and transitional facilities, providing shelter and
9 social services, providing policy direction for homeless
10 programs, including implementation of the statewide continuum of
11 care, and integrating federal grant resources with state
12 resources to provide that continuum of care.

13 A lack of resources has severely limited the ability of the
14 homeless programs office to meet the needs of the growing
15 homeless population. Last fiscal year, it lost half of its
16 positions due to a reduction-in-force and its operating budget
17 was reduced by millions of dollars, despite the temporary
18 benefit of federal stimulus funds.



1 The purpose of this Act is to restore funding to the
2 homeless programs office of the department of human services.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2012-2013 to increase funding and positions for the
8 homeless programs office of the department of human services.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
10 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Homeless Services

Description:

Restores funding for positions for the homeless programs office of the department of human services.

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