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S.B. NO. 904

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. To immediately implement the housing first
2 program under section 346-378, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
3 department of human services shall:

4 (1) Identify state, county, and privately-owned real
5 estate properties statewide that are appropriately
6 zoned and have necessary infrastructure in place for
7 the development of affordable rental housing for low
8 income individuals and families under the housing
9 first program;

10 (2) Identify and provide a feasibility and cost analysis
11 regarding an appropriate site on state, county, or
12 privately-owned real estate property that is
13 appropriately zoned and has necessary infrastructure
14 in place for the development, by new construction or
15 refurbishing, of an initial housing-first program
16 model housing project that focuses on single resident
17 occupancy affordable rental housing; provided that the
18 site shall be centrally located within an urban core;



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

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

6 SECTION 2. For purposes of section 1 of this Act, the
7 department of human services shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later
9 than December 1, 2011, which shall include:

- 10 (1) Identifying each property by legal owner, street
11 location, and tax map key number;
- 12 (2) Describing the existing use of each property and the
13 current zoning designation of the property;
- 14 (3) Providing information on the value of each property
15 and the basis of the valuation;
- 16 (4) Providing an analysis of the potential for the
17 property to implement housing first programs and
18 services; and
- 19 (5) Identifying dedicated funding sources for housing
20 first programs and services.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the department of human services to identify suitable properties for a housing first program that identifies affordable rental housing projects, including an initial housing first single resident occupancy affordable rental housing model project site in an urban core. Requires DHS to report to the legislature and the governor.

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