
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that housing first
2 programs are a collaborative effort between the department of
3 human services and the United States Department of Housing and
4 Urban Development that provides housing and support services for
5 chronically homeless individuals, including those who have an
6 addiction or mental illness, or both. The principles of housing
7 first programs include:

- 8 (1) Moving chronically homeless individuals into housing
9 directly from streets and shelters without a
10 precondition of accepting or complying with treatment;
- 11 (2) Providing robust support services for program
12 participants that are predicated on assertive
13 engagement rather than coercion;
- 14 (3) Granting chronically homeless individuals priority as
15 program participants in housing first programs;
- 16 (4) Embracing a harm-reduction approach to addictions
17 rather than mandating abstinence while supporting
18 program participant commitments to recovery; and



1 (5) Providing program participants with leases and tenant
2 protections as provided by law.

3 The housing first programs in the State closely resemble
4 the requirements of the United States Housing and Urban
5 Development shelter plus care program and the Veterans
6 Administration veteran's assisted supportive housing voucher
7 program for homeless veterans. In its December 2011 report to
8 the legislature pursuant to section 346-378, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes, the department of human services reported that the
10 State has six hundred fifty-eight permanent housing placements
11 plus support services through the shelter plus care and
12 veteran's assisted supportive housing voucher programs.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
14 department of human services to support the State's housing
15 first programs in assisting Hawaii's chronically homeless who
16 are often the most vulnerable, most visible, and most difficult
17 to serve.

18 SECTION 2. 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 2013-2014 and
21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22 year 2014-2015 to be deposited to the credit of the housing



1 first special fund under section 346-377, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the housing first
4 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
7 department of human services to support housing first programs
8 for chronically homeless individuals in the State.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Housing; Housing First Programs; Department of Human Services;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of human services to
continue to administer housing first programs for chronically
homeless individuals in the State. Effective 07/01/2030. (HD1)

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