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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a
2 complex and multifaceted issue requiring planning, coordination,
3 implementation, and funding across federal, state, local,
4 business, and community lines. Locally, many government
5 agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other private sector
6 organizations have worked diligently and successfully to assist
7 those who are homeless. Yet, Hawaii has experienced an increase
8 in the number of homeless individuals and families.

9 Temporary housing could provide a much needed solution to
10 this issue. Rather than moving homeless individuals through
11 different levels of housing on the way to independent living,
12 temporary housing quickly moves homeless individuals to housing
13 that is durable, cheap, and easier and faster to build than
14 traditional housing. By creating a stable housing environment,
15 other issues can be addressed that impact the homeless including
16 employment, job training, and health care.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year
2 temporary housing pilot program on Hawaiian homestead lands to
3 address the homeless population.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The department of human services, in
5 consultation with the Hawaii interagency council on
6 homelessness, homeless services providers, and other appropriate
7 entities, shall establish a three-year temporary housing pilot
8 program.

9 (b) The temporary housing pilot program shall work with
10 temporary housing companies to obtain and provide single housing
11 units and to determine the best possible design for the single
12 housing units.

13 (c) The department of human services may contract with
14 provider agencies to implement the temporary housing pilot
15 program. The department or provider agencies shall lease or
16 otherwise contract with the Hawaiian homes commission to use
17 available Hawaiian homestead lands. The department of land and
18 natural resources and other state agencies shall assist the
19 department of human services and any provider agencies
20 contracted for the temporary housing pilot program to identify,
21 contract, and convey land and improvements available for use for
22 the pilot program.



1 (d) The temporary housing pilot program shall establish a
2 goal of having at least participants. The number of
3 housing units and qualifications of participants shall be
4 determined by the department of human services, in consultation
5 with the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness.

6 (e) The counties shall make any amendments or exemptions
7 to their respective ordinances, rules, or plans relating to
8 planning, zoning, construction standards, development and
9 improvement of land, and building construction that are
10 necessary to implement the temporary housing pilot program in a
11 safe, cost-effective manner.

12 SECTION 3. The department of human services, in
13 consultation with the Hawaii interagency council on
14 homelessness, shall submit a progress report of the pilot
15 program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
16 the convening of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 regular sessions.
17 After the final year of the temporary housing pilot program, a
18 final report shall be submitted to the legislature no later than
19 twenty days prior to the regular session of 2017, to include:

20 (1) Total number of participants in the temporary housing
21 pilot program, including information regarding the
22 duration of housing for each participant;



- 1 (2) Annual costs of the program;
- 2 (3) Number of temporary housing structures used, including
- 3 information regarding the durability and maintenance
- 4 of housing units;
- 5 (4) Recommendations to incorporate temporary housing in
- 6 the ten-year statewide plan to address homelessness in
- 7 all Hawaii counties formulated by the Hawaii
- 8 interagency council on homelessness under section 346-
- 9 381, if appropriate; and
- 10 (5) Recommendations regarding the continuation or
- 11 expansion of the pilot program.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2014-2015 for the temporary housing pilot program.

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

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, and
20 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017.

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Report Title:

Homeless; Housing; Pilot Program; Temporary Housing;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a temporary housing pilot program to be developed on Hawaiian homestead lands by the department of human services as an alternative housing solution for homelessness.

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