
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a
3 critical issue in the State. The legislature further finds that
4 reducing the unemployment rate is an important step in
5 addressing homelessness in Hawaii. Proper training will enable
6 a person to develop the skills necessary to be marketable in the
7 workforce. The lack of financial resources can often make
8 receiving proper training unattainable.

9 The purpose of this part is to address homelessness in the
10 State by mandating that the department of labor and industrial
11 relations establish a stipend program for unemployed persons who
12 are currently enrolled in and receiving training from an
13 employment training program approved by the department of labor
14 and industrial relations.

15 SECTION 2. (a) Effective January 1, , the department
16 of labor and industrial relations shall establish a program that
17 provides a stipend for unemployed persons who are currently



1 enrolled in and receiving training from an employment training
2 program approved by the department of labor and industrial
3 relations in accordance with subsection (b).

4 (b) In establishing the program, the department of labor
5 and industrial relations shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
6 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which include:

7 (1) Eligibility requirements for the receipt of a training
8 stipend;

9 (2) A list of approved employment training programs; and

10 (3) The stipend amount.

11 (c) The department of labor and industrial relations shall
12 submit a written report of its findings and recommendations on
13 the program established by this part, including any proposed
14 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to
19 establish a stipend program for unemployed persons who are
20 enrolled in job training programs approved by the department of



1 labor and industrial relations, including positions to
2 administer the program.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this part.

5 PART II

6 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that there is a shortage
7 of affordable rental housing units to accommodate individuals
8 and families requiring section 8 tenant-based housing
9 assistance. The legislature further finds that many landlords
10 are hesitant to rent their property to section 8 tenants. One
11 of the concerns raised by landlords is the fear of not being
12 able to recover the costs of repairing damage to their property
13 when those costs exceed the amount of the security deposit.

14 The purpose of this part is to encourage landlords to rent
15 to section 8 tenants by requiring the Hawaii public housing
16 authority to establish a program that offers dwelling insurance
17 policies for landlords renting to section 8 tenants.

18 SECTION 5. (a) The Hawaii public housing authority shall
19 establish a program to offer dwelling insurance policies to
20 landlords that rent their property to section 8 tenants
21 beginning January 1, . The Hawaii public housing



1 authority, with the cooperation of the department of commerce
2 and consumer affairs, shall establish the framework for
3 establishing the insurance program pursuant to this part.

4 (b) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2017, the Hawaii public housing authority
6 shall submit a written report to the legislature consisting of
7 its findings and recommendations to effectuate this part,
8 including proposed legislation to establish the insurance
9 program.

10 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to
13 establish a program that offers dwelling insurance policies to
14 landlords renting their property to Section 8 tenants, including
15 positions to administer the program.

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

18 PART III

19 SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act, or the
20 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
21 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or



1 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
2 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
3 of this Act are severable.

4 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Insurance; Stipend; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a stipend program for qualified individuals currently enrolled in job training programs. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a program to offer insurance policies to landlords who rent to Section 8 tenants. Makes an appropriation. (HB1640 HD1)

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