
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of human services the homeless emergency action response team
3 program.

4 (b) The homeless emergency action response team program
5 shall cooperate with each of the counties to respond to requests
6 from the counties for assistance relating to encampments of
7 homeless persons.

8 (c) The homeless emergency action response team
9 established pursuant to this section shall include case workers
10 from the department of human services, who shall work with
11 county agencies, including police departments, to address
12 homelessness and encampments of homeless persons in the
13 counties.

14 (d) The homeless emergency action response team program
15 shall provide assistance to a county in response to a request
16 from the county's mayor for assistance. The mayor of each
17 county that participates in the homeless emergency action



1 response team program shall be responsible for reporting the
2 existence of an encampment of homeless individuals for which the
3 county requests assistance.

4 (e) Each county that requests assistance from the homeless
5 emergency action response team program shall authorize
6 expenditures for the purposes of this section; provided that the
7 department of human services shall authorize expenditures that
8 are matched by expenditures authorized by a county.

9 SECTION 2. The homeless emergency action response team
10 program shall submit a report to the legislature not later than
11 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session on
12 its activities.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
16 department of human services to establish and operate the
17 homeless emergency action response team program.

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



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016, and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2021.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; Homeless Emergency Action Response Team Program;
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