
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to the
2 city and county of Honolulu's 2015 report entitled "Homeless
3 Point-in Time Count," the number of homeless people jumped by
4 about four per cent compared to the previous year. Despite
5 increased effort and resources, such as officials offering
6 homeless services and the proposed use of shipping containers as
7 temporary housing, homelessness in Oahu has not improved.

8 The legislature further finds that there are programs being
9 introduced throughout the United States that help homeless
10 individuals find work and afford shelter. A pilot program was
11 launched by the mayor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, that assists
12 individuals in leaving the streets and connecting them with
13 work. The pilot program is proving to be a success and is
14 getting national attention. A similar program that was
15 introduced in Tucson, Arizona, assists homeless individuals in
16 achieving temporary jobs. In partnership with the Primavera
17 Foundation, the Primavera Works program is an employment program



1 that serves as a nonprofit, staffing service that offers job
2 training and provides temporary jobs, with the potential of
3 becoming permanent jobs. The legislature finds that launching a
4 pilot program on Oahu that is similar to those found in
5 Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona, would give
6 homeless individuals day jobs. Citations and jail time are
7 disruptive events that only increase the likelihood of people
8 relying on panhandling for income. Providing more proactive
9 services, such as jobs and counseling to build up a person's
10 self-esteem, would help reduce poverty and homelessness on Oahu.

11 The purpose of this Act is to assist homeless individuals
12 in finding jobs by requiring the city and county of Honolulu to
13 establish a pilot program connecting homeless individuals who
14 are willing to work with job opportunities.

15 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a three-year work for
16 a day pilot program to be administered by the city and county of
17 Honolulu. The purpose of the work for a day pilot program is to
18 assist homeless individuals in finding work opportunities.

19 (b) The work for a day pilot program shall:



- 1 (1) Connect homeless individuals with work opportunities
- 2 of menial labor, such as landscape and ground
- 3 beautification, trash collection, and median clean up;
- 4 (2) Provide for lunch, with the assistance of homeless
- 5 assistance service providers;
- 6 (3) Transport participants in the program to a shelter at
- 7 the end of the work day to receive a hot meal, access
- 8 to social services provided by the State, and homeless
- 9 assistance service providers; and
- 10 (4) Receive payment for the hours of work in the work day.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
 14 purpose of establishing the work for a day pilot program.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and
 16 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
 18 shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Work for a Day Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a three-year Work for a Day Pilot Program to be administered by the City and County of Honolulu that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities. Appropriates funds. (HB2647 HD1)

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