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# 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 receiving 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 localized pilot program on Oahu that is similar to those found  
 5 in 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 As the successful programs established in Albuquerque, New  
 12 Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona, were established on a local level  
 13 the legislature further finds that the pilot program should be  
 14 established and administered on a localized level.

15 The purpose of this Act is to assist homeless individuals  
 16 in finding jobs by requiring the city and county of Honolulu to  
 17 develop and, if feasible, administer a pilot program connecting  
 18 homeless individuals who are willing to work with job  
 19 opportunities.

20 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a -year work  
 21 for a day pilot program to be developed, administered, and



1 implemented by the city and county of Honolulu, including, but  
2 not limited to, the ability to designate a service provider to  
3 carry out the purposes of the pilot program. The purpose of the  
4 work for a day pilot program is to assist homeless individuals  
5 in finding work opportunities.

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

- 7 (1) Connect homeless individuals with work opportunities  
8 at organizations to be determined by the city and  
9 county of Honolulu;
- 10 (2) Provide for lunch, with the assistance of homeless  
11 assistance service providers;
- 12 (3) Transport participants in the program to a shelter at  
13 the end of the work day to receive a hot meal, access  
14 to social services provided by the State, and homeless  
15 assistance service providers; and
- 16 (4) Receive payment for the hours of work in the work day;  
17 provided that the payment shall be paid from the work  
18 for a day pilot program's funds.

19 (c) The homeless individuals who perform work pursuant to  
20 subsection (b) shall not be considered employees of the State or



1 the city and county of Honolulu solely by performing work  
2 pursuant to subsection (b).

3 (d) If the city and county of Honolulu is unable to come  
4 up with a work for a day pilot program that satisfies the  
5 requirements of subsection (b) by January 1, 2017, all remaining  
6 funds for the work for a day pilot program shall be transferred  
7 to the governor's coordinator on homelessness to be distributed  
8 to fund existing programs that assist homeless individuals in  
9 finding work opportunities.

10 (e) The State and the city and county of Honolulu shall be  
11 immune from suit and liability for any claim for damage to or  
12 loss of property, personal injury, or other civil liability  
13 caused, arising out of, or relating to any actual or alleged  
14 act, error, or omission that occurred at any stage of the  
15 planning, administration, or implementation of the work for a  
16 day pilot program.

17 (f) The city and county of Honolulu shall submit a report  
18 with its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
19 legislation if needed, relative to the work for a day pilot  
20 program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
21 the convening of the regular session of 2017. The report shall



1 be concise and detail the city and county of Honolulu's progress  
2 on the planning, administration, and implementation of the work  
3 for a day pilot program.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
7 purpose of establishing the work for a day pilot program;  
8 provided that no funds appropriated under this section shall be  
9 expended unless matched dollar-for-dollar with the city and  
10 county of Honolulu.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Work for a Day Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a 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. Requires matching funds. (HB2647 HD2)

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