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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 2015 Point In Time Count for the city and county of Honolulu,  
3 the number of homeless people jumped by about four per cent  
4 compared to the previous year. Despite increased effort and  
5 resources, such as officials offering homeless services and the  
6 proposed use of shipping containers as temporary housing,  
7 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 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to assist individuals in  
12 leaving the streets and connecting them with work. The pilot  
13 program is proving to be a success and is receiving national  
14 attention. A similar program introduced in Tucson, Arizona,  
15 assists homeless individuals in achieving temporary jobs. In  
16 partnership with the Primavera Foundation, the Primavera Works  
17 program is an employment program that serves as a nonprofit,  
18 staffing service that offers job training and provides temporary



1 jobs, with the potential of becoming permanent jobs. The  
2 legislature additionally finds that launching a localized pilot  
3 program on Oahu that is similar to the programs in Albuquerque,  
4 New Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona, will give homeless individuals  
5 day jobs. Citations and jail time are disruptive events that  
6 only increase the likelihood of people relying on panhandling  
7 for income. Providing more proactive services, including jobs  
8 and counseling to build up a person's self-esteem, will help  
9 reduce poverty and homelessness on Oahu.

10 As the successful programs established in Albuquerque, New  
11 Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona, were established on a local level  
12 the legislature further finds that the pilot program should be  
13 established and administered on a localized level.

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

18 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a three-year work for  
19 a day pilot program to be developed and administered by the city  
20 and county of Honolulu including but not limited to the ability  
21 to designate a service provider to carry out the purposes of the



1 pilot program. The purpose of the work for a day pilot program  
2 is to assist homeless individuals in finding work opportunities.

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

4 (1) Connect homeless individuals with work opportunities  
5 at organizations to be determined by the city and  
6 county of Honolulu;

7 (2) Provide for lunch, with the assistance of homeless  
8 assistance service providers;

9 (3) Transport participants in the program to a shelter at  
10 the end of the work day to receive a hot meal, access  
11 to social services provided by the State, and homeless  
12 assistance service providers; and

13 (4) Pay individuals in the program for the hours of work  
14 in the work day; provided that the payment shall be  
15 paid from the work for a day pilot program's funds.

16 (c) The homeless individuals who perform work pursuant to  
17 subsection (b) shall not be considered employees of the State or  
18 the city and county of Honolulu due solely to the performance of  
19 work pursuant to subsection (b).

20 (d) If the city and county of Honolulu is unable to  
21 establish a work for a day pilot program that satisfies the



1 requirements of subsection (b) by January 1, 2017, all remaining  
2 funds for the work for a day pilot program shall be transferred  
3 from the governor's coordinator on homelessness to the  
4 department of human services to be distributed to fund existing  
5 programs that assist homeless individuals in finding work  
6 opportunities.

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

13 (f) The city and county of Honolulu shall submit a report  
14 with its findings and recommendations, including any necessary  
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
16 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017. The  
17 report shall be concise and detail the city and county of  
18 Honolulu's progress on the planning and administration of the  
19 work for a day pilot program.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing a  
2 three-year work for a day pilot program; provided that no funds  
3 appropriated under this section shall be expended unless matched  
4 dollar-for-dollar by the city and county of Honolulu.

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

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

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**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. Requires matching funds. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. Repeals on 7/1/2019. (SD2)

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