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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an inability to
2 establish or corroborate the information required to establish a
3 person's identity poses many problems, especially for a person
4 who is homeless. Many shelters require identification so that
5 background checks may be conducted to ensure the safety of those
6 in the shelter. It often takes individuals several months to
7 obtain new identification and for a person who is homeless, a
8 lack of identification is a major obstacle in obtaining
9 government benefits and housing.

10 The purpose of this Act is to establish the housing for the
11 homeless special fund and executive office on homeless identity
12 protection to assist homeless individuals with the process,
13 including associated costs, of obtaining government-issued
14 identification documents.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:



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1 "§346-A Housing for the homeless special fund;
2 established. (a) There is established in the state treasury
3 the housing for the homeless special fund, into which shall be
4 deposited any appropriations made by the legislature to the
5 fund.

6 (b) The moneys from the fund shall be expended by the
7 executive office on homeless identity protection to assist
8 homeless individuals with the process, including associated
9 costs, of obtaining government-issued identification documents.

10 (c) The department shall submit an expenditure report to
11 the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the
12 convening of each regular session.

13 (d) The department shall adopt rules in accordance with
14 chapter 91 for the purposes of this section.

15 §346-B Executive office on homeless identity protection;
16 director; general functions, duties, and powers. (a) There is
17 established an executive office on homeless identity protection
18 that shall be temporarily placed within the office of the
19 governor; provided that on July 1, 2018, the executive office on
20 homeless identity protection shall be permanently established



1 within the department of human services for administrative
2 purposes only.

3 (b) The head of the executive office on homeless identity
4 protection shall be known as the director of the executive
5 office on homeless identity protection, hereinafter referred to
6 as the director. The director shall:

7 (1) Be appointed by the governor, notwithstanding section
8 26-34 and chapter 76;

9 (2) Have professional training in the field of social work
10 or other related fields;

11 (3) Have direct experience in programs or services related
12 to the homeless;

13 (4) Have recent experience in a supervisory, consultative,
14 or administrative position;

15 (5) Be paid a salary set by the governor that shall not
16 exceed ninety per cent of the salary of the director
17 of human resources development; and

18 (6) Be included in any benefit program generally
19 applicable to the officers and employees of the State.

20 (c) The director shall be responsible for:



- 1 (1) Employing, supervising, and directing staff as may be
- 2 necessary for the purposes of this section;
- 3 (2) Establishing policies and procedures governing the
- 4 operations of the office;
- 5 (3) Administering funds allocated to the office and
- 6 applying for, receiving, and disbursing grants and
- 7 donations from all sources to assist homeless
- 8 individuals with the process, including associated
- 9 costs, of obtaining government-issued identification
- 10 documents; and
- 11 (4) Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies
- 12 impacting the ability of homeless individuals to
- 13 obtain government-issued identification documents.
- 14 (d) The office shall:
- 15 (1) Assist homeless individuals with the process,
- 16 including associated costs, of obtaining government-
- 17 issued identification documents; and
- 18 (2) Maintain records of requests for assistance and any
- 19 related documents."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to
2 deposit to the credit of the housing for the homeless special
3 fund.

4 There is appropriated out of the housing for the homeless
5 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to establish the executive
7 office on homeless identity protection for purposes of assisting
8 homeless individuals with obtaining government-issued
9 identification documents.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
11 office on homeless identity protection for the purposes of this
12 Act.

13 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
14 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
15 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
16 the new sections in this Act.

17 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
19 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Executive Office on Homeless Identity Protection;
Identification; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the housing for the homeless special fund and executive office on homeless identity protection to assist homeless individuals with the process, including associated costs, of obtaining a government-issued identification document. Makes an appropriation.

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