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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 in Honolulu rose by about four per  
4 cent from 2014 to 2015. Despite increased efforts and resources  
5 to reduce homelessness in Hawaii, it has remained a significant  
6 issue. Homeless individuals often rely on panhandling for  
7 income. Citations and jail time for panhandling can be  
8 disruptive and exacerbate the problem. Further, it has often  
9 been difficult for service providers to connect with them and  
10 identify the services they need, such as mental health or  
11 substance abuse treatment.

12           The legislature recognizes that pilot programs throughout  
13 the United States provide homeless individuals with temporary  
14 work while providing easy access to services. A pilot program  
15 launched in Albuquerque, New Mexico has received national  
16 attention. The program connects homeless individuals with work  
17 cleaning up public spaces, and is proving to be a success. A



1 similar program introduced in Tucson, Arizona assists homeless  
2 individuals with temporary jobs.

3 The legislature further finds that in Hawaii, some service  
4 providers assist homeless individuals with temporary work.

5 However, those programs are limited to small areas, and thus are  
6 not available to the vast majority of homeless individuals in  
7 communities throughout the State. The legislature also finds  
8 that since problems like graffiti and litter remain prevalent  
9 throughout Hawaii, the State could employ homeless individuals  
10 to help reduce those problems.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program  
12 that:

- 13 (1) Assists homeless individuals by providing them  
14 temporary jobs in public service; and  
15 (2) Connects homeless individuals with service providers.

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a three-year work-  
17 for-a-day pilot program that shall be developed and administered  
18 by the governor's coordinator on homelessness or the  
19 coordinator's designee. The designee may be a service provider  
20 or other qualified person or entity.

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



1 (1) Connect homeless individuals with work opportunities;

2 (2) Pay individuals in the program for the hours they  
3 worked in the day, which may include a limited amount  
4 of time spent with service providers; provided that  
5 the source of funding for the payments shall be the  
6 work-for-a-day pilot program's funds;

7 (3) Connect homeless individuals with service providers at  
8 the appropriate time; and

9 (4) When appropriate, transport participants in the  
10 program to a shelter at the end of the work day.

11 (c) The homeless individuals who work pursuant to  
12 subsection (b) shall not be considered employees of the State  
13 solely as a result of their work in the pilot program.

14 (d) The State shall be immune from suit and liability for  
15 any claim for damage to or loss of property, personal injury, or  
16 other civil liability caused, arising out of, or relating to any  
17 actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred at any  
18 stage of the planning and administration of the work-for-a-day  
19 pilot program.

20 (e) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall  
21 submit a report that includes:



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1 (1) Its progress on the work-for-a-day pilot program;

2 (2) Any findings and recommendations; and

3 (3) Any necessary proposed legislation

4 to the legislature no later than twenty days before the

5 convening of the regular session of 2018.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10 2018-2019 for the purpose of establishing a three-year work-for-  
11 a-day pilot program.

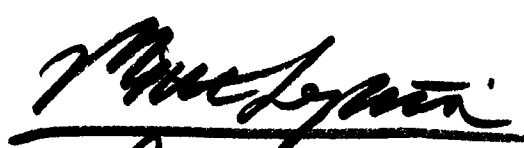
12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the by the  
13 department of human services with the approval of the governor's  
14 coordinator on homelessness for the purposes of this Act.

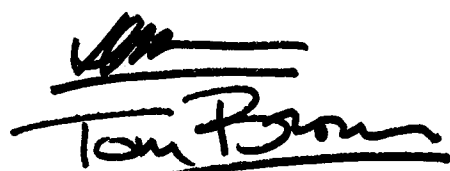
15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

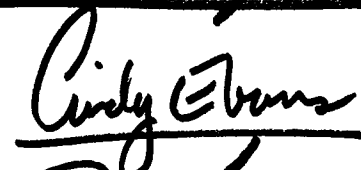
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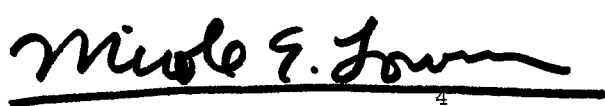














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**Report Title:**

Work-for-a-Day Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a three-year Work-for-a-Day Pilot Program that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities and connects them with service providers. Appropriates funds.

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