
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 homelessness
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and
3 challenging social problems. Homeless people face many
4 different issues, including mental illness, substance abuse,
5 loss of employment and income, and a lack of affordable housing.
6 Appropriate funding for programs tailored to address these
7 issues is essential.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the Hawaii housing
9 finance and development corporation to conduct a survey to
10 identify and inventory state-owned and state-managed housing
11 units that could provide affordable rental housing for the
12 State's homeless, and require the department of human services
13 to convene a homeless summit to develop strategies to address
14 homelessness.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii housing finance and development
16 corporation shall conduct a survey to identify and inventory
17 state-owned and state-managed housing units statewide that are



1 vacant and could be used as affordable rental housing under
2 chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including housing units
3 that could be used as affordable rental housing for the homeless
4 if renovated or restored.

5 (b) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation
6 shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature no
7 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
8 session of 2018 on the results of the survey conducted under
9 this section, including providing an inventory list that
10 identifies each vacant unit by legal owner, street location, and
11 tax map key number.

12 SECTION 3. The department of human services shall convene
13 a homeless summit to be held before December 1, 2017. The
14 purpose of the summit shall be to gather experts from around the
15 world to share and develop strategies to address homelessness.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
19 purpose of convening a homeless summit.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 human services for the purposes of section 3 of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon a date to be
2 determined.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Affordable Housing; Homeless Summit; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct a survey of available state-owned and state-managed housing units that could be used to provide affordable rental housing. Requires the Department of Human Services to convene a homeless summit. Appropriates funds for convening the homeless summit. (HB413 HD1)

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