
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS.

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. According to the 2016 Hawaii
4 statewide homeless point-in-time count conducted in January
5 2016, there are 7,921 homeless individuals in the State, an
6 overall increase of four per cent from 2015. Homeless persons
7 face a myriad of issues, including general health issues, mental
8 illness, and substance abuse. These issues affecting homeless
9 persons also impact the general population through the costs of
10 social and health care services. In fiscal years 2014 and 2015,
11 The Queen's Medical Center reported treating 3,441 patients who
12 were homeless. Treating these homeless individuals is sometimes
13 uncompensated.

14 The legislature further finds that mobile clinics are
15 increasing in popularity across the nation as the government
16 tries to find ways to address the health care needs of the
17 homeless population. In places such as Denver, Colorado;



1 Seattle, Washington; and San Jose, California, mobile clinics
2 offer a variety of free health care services for local homeless
3 populations, resulting in significant cost savings when compared
4 to emergency room visits.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
6 purchasing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to serve
7 the homeless population.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2018-2019 to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile
13 clinics to serve the homeless population; provided that:

14 (1) The staff shall include, at minimum, one primary care
15 provider, one nurse, one pharmacist, and one
16 psychiatrist and may include staff as needed,
17 including a social worker, outreach worker, and
18 students pursuing a degree in medicine or nursing; and

19 (2) The mobile clinics may provide, at minimum, the
20 following services:



- 1 (A) Non-emergency medical services for chronic,
2 acute, and episodic conditions;
- 3 (B) Testing for sexually transmitted disease, human
4 immunodeficiency virus, and hepatitis;
- 5 (C) Family planning;
- 6 (D) Child and family services;
- 7 (E) Behavioral health and substance abuse services;
- 8 (F) Mental health services;
- 9 (G) Dental care;
- 10 (H) Referral services;
- 11 (I) Shower and laundry services;
- 12 (J) Clean clothing;
- 13 (K) Health insurance enrollment;
- 14 (L) Pharmacy services;
- 15 (M) Street medicine; provided that for the purposes
16 of this subparagraph, "street medicine" means the
17 practice of directly delivering health care and
18 related services to persons found on the streets,
19 in parks, along river banks, on beaches, and in
20 abandoned buildings; and
- 21 (N) Other assistance services;



1 provided further that the department of human services may
2 procure the mobile clinic services pursuant to chapter
3 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2075.

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Report Title:

Mobile Clinic; Homeless; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population. Takes effect on 7/1/2075. (SD2)

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