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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness  
3 continues to be an issue of concern for the State. Federal  
4 statistics indicate that as of 2015, Hawaii had four hundred  
5 eighty-seven homeless individuals per every one hundred thousand  
6 people, the highest rate per capita in the nation. In 2016, the  
7 legislature invested \$10,000,000 in new funding to address this  
8 ongoing problem. The 2017-2018 executive biennium budget, as  
9 submitted by the governor, proposes to invest an additional  
10 \$20,900,000 in new funding to address homelessness issues.  
11 However, the legislature believes that additional funding is  
12 necessary to ensure that the State has adequate resources to  
13 appropriately confront this challenge.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allocate  
15 additional funding to the departments of human services, health,  
16 and transportation to support homelessness outreach, mitigation,  
17 and prevention efforts in the State.



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PART II

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to provide housing subsidies for homeless families through the rent supplement program.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the housing first program to provide housing and supportive services, including substance use disorder treatment, to homeless individuals who may have mental health or addiction issues, and for the hiring of full-time equivalent ( FTE) positions.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2018-2019 to support the rapid rehousing program to move capable  
2 families out of shelters.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2018-2019 to support the operations of the family and elderly  
8 housing program.

9 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
13 2018-2019 for homeless outreach services.

14 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2018-2019 for the storage of homeless people's property.

19 SECTION 8. The sums appropriated in this part shall be  
20 expended by the department of human services for the purposes of  
21 this Act.



1 PART III

2 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general  
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
5 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
6 2018-2019 for outreach services to homeless persons with serious  
7 and persistent mental illness.

8 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
12 2018-2019 for outreach, counseling, and diversion services for  
13 unsheltered homeless persons experiencing substance abuse.

14 SECTION 11. The sums appropriated in this part shall be  
15 expended by the department of health for the purposes of this  
16 Act.

17 PART IV

18 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2018-2019 to assist the airports, harbors, and highways division  
2 of the department of transportation to deal with homelessness-  
3 related issues pertaining to security, health, and safety.

4 The sums appropriated in this part shall be expended by the  
5 department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

6 PART V

7 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2075.



**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and Department of Transportation to support homelessness outreach, mitigation, and prevention efforts in the State. (HB772 HD1)

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