
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the
2 auditor to conduct a study to assess the impact of using
3 medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment for
4 homelessness.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor, with the assistance of the
6 department of human services, shall conduct a study to assess
7 the impact of using medicaid funds to provide coverage for the
8 treatment for homelessness, including the costs to provide
9 coverage for the chronically homeless population in the State;
10 provided that for the purposes of this Act, "treatment" or
11 "treatment for homelessness" includes:

- 12 (1) Behavioral health services, including mental health
13 and substance abuse services;
- 14 (2) Case management;
- 15 (3) Personal care and personal assistance services;
- 16 (4) Home and community-based services; and
- 17 (5) Housing services.



1 (b) The auditor shall submit findings and recommendations,
2 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
3 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
4 of 2018.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
8 purpose of conducting a study to assess the impact of using
9 medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of
10 homelessness; provided that:

11 (1) No funds appropriated under this Act shall be expended
12 unless matched dollar-for-dollar with federal funds;
13 and

14 (2) The department of human services may assist the
15 auditor in pursuing federal funds for the purpose of
16 conducting the study.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
18 auditor for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2090.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Treatment; Auditor; Study; Medicaid; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Auditor, with the assistance of the Department of Human Services, to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment for homelessness. Requires the Auditor to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SB2 HD1)

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