A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 2 including chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the office of 3 Hawaiian affairs shall enter into negotiations for and execute a 4 long-term lease with a qualified entity, as determined by the 5 office of Hawaiian affairs, for the real property that contains 6 the Next Step Shelter facility, the facility itself, and other 7 appurtenant or related real property and improvements thereon. 8 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a working group to 9 solicit donations and services and to assist in the regulation 10 of and development of policies relating to the Next Step Shelter 11 facility and its residents. The working group shall be placed 12 within the department of human services for administrative 13 purposes. 14 (b) The working group shall comprise the following: The director of human services, or the director's 15 (1) 16 designee, who shall serve as chair;



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1	(2)	The chairperson of the board of trustees of the office
2	_	of Hawaiian affairs, or the chairperson's designee;
3	(3)	The executive director of the Hawaii public housing
4		authority, or the executive director's designee;
5	(4)	A representative of Waikiki Health Center; and
6	(5)	A representative of the residents of the Next Step
7		Shelter facility.
8	(c)	The director of human services, or the director's
9	designee,	shall also invite representatives of appropriate local
10	business	owners, trade unions, and apprenticeship training
11	programs	of the community colleges to join the working group.
12	(d)	The members of the working group shall not be
13	compensat	ed, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
14	incurred	during the performance of their duties.
15	(e)	The working group shall regularly hold public meetings
16	without 1	regard to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
17	(f)	In accordance with its functions pursuant to
18	subsectio	on (a), the working group shall:
19	(1)	Solicit private donations for the Next Step Shelter
20		property and its improvements, including:
21		(A) Solar energy systems;



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1		(B) An air circulation and treatment system; and
2		(C) Reconstruction of bathroom facilities;
3	(2)	Work with trade groups and industry associations to
4		conduct outreach and vocational training for qualified
5		individuals who are residents of the Next Step
6		Shelter;
7	(3)	Work with Public Broadcasting Service Hawaii and
8		relevant public, educational, and governmental access
9		facilities to produce a documentary on the conditions
10		of the Next Step Shelter and of the residents residing
11		in the facility, including residents representing
12		families, couples, and individuals; and
13	(4)	Work with the Hawaii public housing authority to
14		identify barriers to participation in the section 8
15		housing program for residential property owners and
16		examine methods of increasing participation to provide
17		residents of the Next Step Shelter with permanent
18		housing.
19	(g)	The working group shall submit a report of its
20	progress,	findings, and recommendations, including any proposed



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legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018. (h) The working group shall dissolve on June 30, 2018. SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
7 working group established in section 2 of this Act.

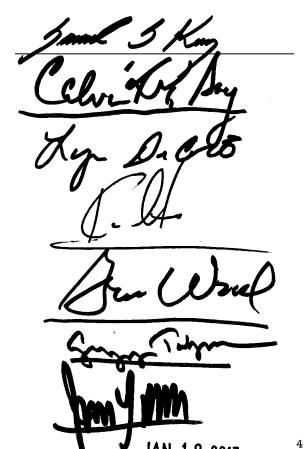
8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department9 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title: Homelessness; Next Step Shelter; Working Group; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a working group in the Department of Human Services to seek material and services for the Next Step Shelter. Appropriates funds for the working group.

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