
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Statutorily establish the position of state
3 coordinator on homelessness; and

4 (2) Specify that the state coordinator on homelessness
5 reports directly to the lieutenant governor.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to part XVII to be appropriately
8 designated and to read as follows:

9 "§346- State coordinator on homelessness; establishment;
10 responsibilities. (a) There is established within the
11 department for administrative purposes only, a state coordinator
12 on homelessness to organize, manage, and oversee the
13 coordination of statewide efforts to end homelessness. The
14 state coordinator on homelessness shall report directly to the
15 lieutenant governor and shall:

16 (1) Serve as the principal officer in state government
17 responsible for the performance, development, and



- 1 oversight of programs, policies, and activities
2 relating to homelessness;
- 3 (2) Be responsible for ensuring the development,
4 implementation, and management of plans developed by
5 the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness
6 pursuant to section 346-381;
- 7 (3) Coordinate with the homeless coordinator of each
8 county to ensure statewide coordination, minimize
9 duplication of efforts, and monitor and benchmark
10 progress on the mitigation and management of
11 homelessness in each county;
- 12 (4) Communicate with departments and agencies providing
13 rental subsidies and housing assistance; and
- 14 (5) Develop and implement plans to increase affordable
15 housing units through the identification of viable
16 lands and supporting housing projects to ensure
17 coordination and collaboration.
- 18 (b) The state coordinator on homelessness may:
- 19 (1) Employ persons exempt from chapters 76 and 89; and
20 (2) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the
21 purposes of this section.



1 (c) The office of the lieutenant governor shall provide
2 office space to the state coordinator on homelessness and
3 related staff; provided that if the office of the lieutenant
4 governor is unable to provide adequate office space, the
5 department shall provide adequate office space to the state
6 coordinator on homelessness and related staff."

7 SECTION 3. Section 26-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the lieutenant
10 governor is designated the secretary of state for
11 intergovernmental relations and shall perform the duties and
12 functions heretofore exercised by the secretary of Hawaii. The
13 duties and functions shall include but not be limited to
14 recordation of all legislative and gubernatorial acts,
15 certification of state documents, [~~and~~] maintenance of an
16 official file of rules adopted by state departments as provided
17 in chapter 91[-], and supervision of the state coordinator on
18 homelessness established under section 346- . The lieutenant
19 governor may employ staff as necessary without regard to chapter
20 76."



1 SECTION 4. Section 346-382, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The Hawaii interagency council on homelessness shall
4 be composed of the following members or the member's designee:

- 5 (1) [~~Governor's~~] State coordinator on homelessness, who
6 shall serve as chair;
- 7 (2) Director of human services;
- 8 (3) Administrator of the homeless programs office of the
9 department of human services;
- 10 (4) Director of health;
- 11 (5) Director of labor and industrial relations;
- 12 (6) Director of public safety;
- 13 (7) Director of business, economic development, and
14 tourism;
- 15 (8) Chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission;
- 16 (9) Adjutant general;
- 17 (10) Chairperson of the board of trustees of the office of
18 Hawaiian affairs;
- 19 (11) Attorney general;
- 20 (12) Superintendent of education;



- 1 (13) Two members of the house of representatives to be
2 designated by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, of whom one member shall be
4 designated by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives to serve as an alternate member on the
6 Hawaii interagency council on homelessness to serve in
7 the other member's absence;
- 8 (14) Two members of the senate to be designated by the
9 president of the senate, of whom one member shall be
10 designated by the president of the senate to serve as
11 an alternate member on the Hawaii interagency council
12 on homelessness to serve in the other member's
13 absence;
- 14 (15) A representative of the Hawaii public housing
15 authority;
- 16 (16) The mayor of each county;
- 17 (17) A representative of the continuum of care programs in
18 each county, to be designated by the respective
19 mayors;



1 (18) A representative of the United States Department of
2 Veterans Affairs who shall be requested to serve by
3 the governor;

4 (19) A representative from the Office of Community Planning
5 and Development, United States Department of Housing
6 and Urban Development, who shall be requested to serve
7 by the governor;

8 (20) A representative of a faith-based organization with
9 interfaith relationships, to be designated by the
10 governor; and

11 (21) A representative of the business community, to be
12 designated by the governor."

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2020-2021:

18 (1) To establish the state coordinator on homelessness as
19 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position; and

20 (2) For other expenses of the state coordinator on
21 homelessness, including hiring of necessary staff.



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

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Report Title:

State Coordinator on Homelessness; Lieutenant Governor;
Establishment; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the position of state coordinator on homelessness and requires the state coordinator on homelessness to report directly to the lieutenant governor. Makes an appropriation.

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