
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coordinated
2 statewide homeless initiative provides important, cost-effective
3 homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services statewide
4 and increases coordination through the statewide information and
5 referral system on behalf of homeless individuals and those at
6 risk of homelessness.

7 The coordinated statewide homeless initiative originated in
8 April 2016 to help hundreds of families escape or avoid
9 homelessness. According to Aloha United Way, since the
10 program's inception, it has helped more than one thousand four
11 hundred households comprising four thousand eight hundred
12 individuals, sixty-four per cent of whom were children. Nearly
13 three-quarters of those households had been at risk of losing
14 housing and the rest were already homeless.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
16 moneys to:



- 1 (1) Continue and improve the coordinated statewide
- 2 homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and
- 3 rehouse homeless people in the State; and
- 4 (2) Require the department of human services to procure
- 5 the services of a master contractor to manage
- 6 subcontracts and expenditures for services provided
- 7 through the initiative.

8 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general

9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much

10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the

11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

12 2020-2021 to continue and improve the coordinated statewide

13 homeless initiative.

14 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the

15 appropriation under subsection (a):

- 16 (1) The department of human services shall:
 - 17 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to
 - 18 procure and oversee subcontracts for the
 - 19 provision of coordinated statewide homeless
 - 20 initiative services, in accordance with chapter
 - 21 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;



- 1 (B) Oversee the funds expended by the master
- 2 contractor; and
- 3 (C) Develop policies and procedures consistent with
- 4 the goals of public accountability and public
- 5 procurement practices for a fair and equitable
- 6 procurement process for any subcontracts made
- 7 between the master contractor and any
- 8 subcontracted provider agency;
- 9 (2) The master contractor shall:
 - 10 (A) Operate a coalition of agencies providing
 - 11 homeless diversion services for the State by
 - 12 providing short-term financial assistance to
 - 13 households that have entered the eviction
 - 14 process;
 - 15 (B) Coordinate with the coordinated entry system
 - 16 mandated by the United States Department of
 - 17 Housing and Urban Development to provide
 - 18 navigation services and placement of homeless
 - 19 households into permanent housing;
 - 20 (C) At a minimum, submit quarterly reports to the
 - 21 house of representatives and senate committees



1 with subject matter jurisdiction over housing,
 2 homelessness, and human services, respectively;
 3 (D) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
 4 providing performance information to respective
 5 state agencies; and
 6 (E) Be accountable for funds expended;
 7 (3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees
 8 of up to fifteen per cent in total from the amounts
 9 paid under the master contract between the master
 10 contractor and any subcontractor; and
 11 (4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the
 12 start of the coordinated statewide homeless initiative
 13 program to be managed by the master contractor.
 14 (c) The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
 15 department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative. Requires the Department to procure the services of a master contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for services provided through the initiative.

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