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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. In 2015, the United States Department of  
2 Housing and Urban Development issued its definition of  
3 "chronically homeless". The purpose of this Act is to amend  
4 Hawaii's definition of "chronically homeless individual" to  
5 better align with the federal definition and to reduce confusion  
6 amongst providers, communities, and private partners.

7           SECTION 2. Section 346-378, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

9           "(e) As used in this section, "chronically homeless  
10 individual" means [~~a homeless individual who has an addiction or  
11 a mental illness, or both.~~]:

12           (1) A homeless individual with a mental illness,  
13           addiction, or physical disability who:

14           (A) Lives in a place not meant for human habitation,  
15           a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and

16           (B) Has been homeless and living as described in  
17           subparagraph (A) continuously for at least twelve



1           months or on at least four separate occasions in  
2           the last three years, as long as the combined  
3           occasions equal at least twelve months and each  
4           break in homelessness separating the occasions  
5           included at least seven consecutive nights of not  
6           living in places as described in subparagraph  
7           (A). Stays in institutional care facilities for  
8           fewer than ninety days shall not constitute a  
9           break in homelessness, but shall be included in  
10          the twelve-month total, as long as the individual  
11          was living or residing in a place not meant for  
12          human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency  
13          shelter immediately before entering the  
14          institutional care facility;

15          (2) An individual who has been residing in an  
16          institutional care facility, including a jail,  
17          substance abuse or mental health treatment facility,  
18          hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than  
19          ninety days and met all of the criteria in paragraph  
20          (1) before entering that facility; or



1           (3) A family with an adult head of household, or if there  
2           is no adult in the family, a minor head of household,  
3           who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) or (2),  
4           including a family whose composition has fluctuated  
5           while the head of household has been homeless."

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

8           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
9 2059.



**Report Title:**

Chronically Homeless; Definition

**Description:**

Amends the definition of "chronically homeless individual" to provide clarity and improve the delivery and development of homeless services. Effective 12/31/2059. (HD1)

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