

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The homeless programs office of the
2 benefit, employment and support services division of the
3 department of human services shall establish and implement a
4 program to:

- 5 (1) Acquire abandoned and vacant residential and
6 commercial real properties;
- 7 (2) Repair any existing, or develop and construct new,
8 dwelling units on these properties; and
- 9 (3) Provide to individuals experiencing homelessness the
10 dwelling units repaired or constructed pursuant to
11 paragraph (2) for a term that the homeless programs
12 office deems appropriate.

13 (b) The homeless programs office shall submit a report on
14 the status of the establishment and implementation of the new
15 program required by this Act and the homeless programs office's
16 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



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1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

3 (c) The homeless programs office shall adopt rules
4 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as may be
5 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

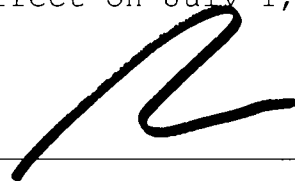
6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2024-2025 for the establishment of a program to acquire
11 abandoned and vacant residential and commercial real properties
12 to house individuals experiencing homelessness pursuant to
13 section 1 of this Act.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

DHS; Homeless Programs Office; Homelessness; Abandoned Property; Vacant Property; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Homeless Programs Office of the Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division of the Department of Human Services to establish a program to acquire abandoned and vacant real properties to house individuals experiencing homelessness. Appropriates moneys.

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