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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WEST HAWAII PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a
2 problem that affects the community's health and public safety on
3 the island of Hawai'i. This appropriation is intended to
4 establish a program that will provide rental housing for
5 individuals and families that are successfully transitioning
6 through the homeless continuum. In addition to the provision of
7 rental housing, participants of this program will also have
8 access to on-site case management, health and life skills
9 training, employment training, and other necessary services.
10 The facility will be unique in that support services will be
11 provided in conjunction with permanent housing, which encourages
12 housing sustainability for a longer term in comparison to that
13 of an emergency or transitional housing situation.

14 The site for the program will be located at tax map key 7-
15 3-009:055 which was obtained by the county of Hawai'i through a
16 dedication for affordable housing. The program will be
17 comprised of fifty affordable rental units (1- and 2-bedroom),



1 four emergency units (for displaced individuals/families),
2 office space, meeting rooms for case management and training,
3 laundering facilities, and a common area/gathering place.

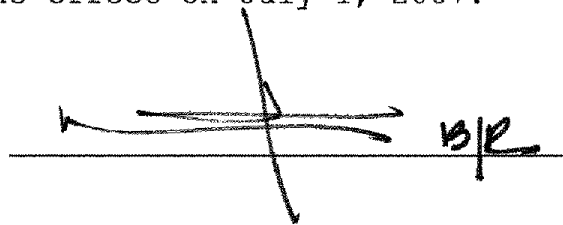
4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000, or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
7 support of the West Hawaii permanent housing program.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
9 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

West Hawaii Permanent Housing; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish a program to provide rental housing for the homeless in transition.

