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PIC Advocacy Priorities—2018—Ending Homelessness **Affordable Housing & Homelessness**

RESULTS of LEGISLATIVE SESSION (as of 5/11/18)

* indicates bills that PIC supported.

Affordable Rental Units:

- * **\$200 million** to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) to create affordable rental housing units for 60% AMI or below.
- * **\$10 million** to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) for infrastructure to support housing development.
- * **\$2.5 million** allocated for the Kahului civic center/bus hub.
- * **\$50,000** to fund a study/report on housing needed for populations with access and functional needs, including: Elderly, people with physical/mental disabilities, people transitioning from incarceration, emancipated foster youth, people with an alcohol or drug addition, people with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence.
- **\$30 million/year** for General Excise Tax exemptions for construction of rental units for families up to 140% AMI, for a 12 year period (**\$360 million total**).
- * **\$21.5 million** to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for improvements statewide.
- * **\$450,000** to Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the State Rent Supplement Program to continue ongoing monthly rental subsidies (average \$400/mo).

Homeless Services: Funding Allocated:

* **\$15 million Lump Sum appropriation** for homeless services, which should include all the proven programs funded last year, and the Kakaako Family Assessment Center. Instead of funding specific programs by line item (e.g. Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, etc.) the Legislature provided a non-recurring lump sum amount.

- * **\$800,000** for Outreach and Counselling Services and the Law Enforcement Diversion Program for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders.
- * **\$1.5 million** for a Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative (CSHI) for eviction prevention.

New Homeless Programs:

- **\$30 million** to the Office of the Governor for **Ohana Zones** on public lands. Specifies at least 3 Ohana Zones on Oahu and at least one Ohana Zone on Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, respectively.



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- **\$1 million** for Emergency Department Assessment Pilot Program. Plus \$1 million match must be provided by a participating hospital.
- **\$1 million** for a Medical Respite Pilot Program. \$1 million match must be provided by a participating hospital.
- **\$800,000** for a second Assessment Center (location not designated).
- **\$400,000** for 2 new Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion programs (LEAD) on Maui + Hawaii Island.

OTHER Major Funding by the Legislature

- **\$125 million** for Disaster Relief for Kauai/East Honolulu (floods)
- **\$125 million** for the Rainy Day Fund

OTHER Housing Initiatives Not Passed in 2018:

- Repeal of \$38 million cap on revenues from the conveyance tax to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund.
- Dedicate a percentage of the conveyance tax to Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's (HHFDC) Rental Assistance Revolving Fund to provide rental subsidies for tenants at 30% AMI or below in new projects funded by the State.
- Housing Homeless Children: monthly rental subsidies to quick house homeless families with minor children and families with children facing homelessness due to domestic violence and provide financial case management.
- \$25 Million to construct permanent rental units for Housing First.

Honolulu City & County Initiatives Supported in 2018:

- *Bill 58: new County regulations for affordable housing passed, with no in-lieu fees allowed + affordability requirements for new developments over 10 units. Complex bill; gives developers multiple options for affordability periods.

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