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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLEAN AND SOBER AND HALFWAY HOME REGULATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§321-     Clean and sober homes and halfway houses. (a)  
5 Beginning July 1, 2010, each clean and sober home and halfway  
6 house shall be licensed to ensure the health, safety, and  
7 welfare of the individuals placed therein; the health, safety,  
8 and welfare of its surrounding neighbors; and to ensure a smooth  
9 transition of the individuals placed therein into the  
10 communities in which these homes are located.

11           (b) Any operator of a clean and sober home or halfway  
12 house shall obtain a general excise tax license under section  
13 237-9 prior to commencing operation of a clean and sober home or  
14 halfway house. The excise license shall not be a substitute for  
15 any county regulation or permit or for the notice requirement of  
16 section 46-4 subsection (e).



1        (c) The director of health shall adopt rules regarding  
2 clean and sober homes and halfway houses in accordance with  
3 chapter 91 that shall be designed to:

4        (1) Establish standard operating procedures;

5        (2) Provide a review process to monitor compliance in  
6 meeting the standard operating procedures;

7        (3) Provide a residential program for care and  
8 rehabilitation for persons who require structured

9 living and who are suffering or recovering from

10 substance abuse; are undergoing sex offenders

11 treatment; have been released or are under supervised

12 release from a correctional facility; or, have been

13 released from a mental health treatment facility;

14        (4) Set occupancy standards for clean and sober homes and

15 halfway houses based on room size and not based on the

16 cost of the rental housing;

17        (5) Identify best practices for communicating with the

18 surrounding community; and

19        (6) Ensure the safety of both the residents, staff, and

20 volunteers of clean and sober homes and halfway houses

21 and their neighbors.



1        (d) Prior to being issued a license to commence operation  
2 of a clean and sober home or halfway house, the operator of the  
3 home or house shall conduct at least one public informational  
4 meeting at a neighborhood board meeting in the area in which the  
5 home or house will be located. If the home will be located in  
6 an area that does not have a neighborhood board, the public  
7 informational meeting shall be held at the county council.  
8 Notarized affidavits confirming that adjoining and surrounding  
9 property owners were sent written notification of any such  
10 informational meeting in a timely manner is required. The  
11 department of health shall consider the testimony received at  
12 the informational meeting in determining whether to grant a  
13 license for the operation of a clean and sober home or halfway  
14 house.

15        (e) An annual licensing fee for all clean and sober homes  
16 and halfway houses shall be established by the department of  
17 health. All proceeds from the licensing fee shall be applied to  
18 administrative costs of the licensing program.

19        (f) The department of health shall institute a schedule of  
20 penalties and fees for the violation of any rule or regulation  
21 applying to clean and sober homes and halfway houses.



1        (g) The department of health shall maintain a listing of  
2 all licensed clean and sober homes and halfway houses in the  
3 State which shall be deemed a public record.

4        (h) After June 30, 2011, state agencies, including but not  
5 limited to the Hawaii paroling authority, shall only refer  
6 clients to licensed clean and sober homes and halfway houses.

7        (i) All existing clean and sober homes and halfway houses  
8 will have one year from June 1, 2010, to comply with this  
9 section and any rules or regulations adopted by the department  
10 of health applicable to clean and sober homes halfway houses.

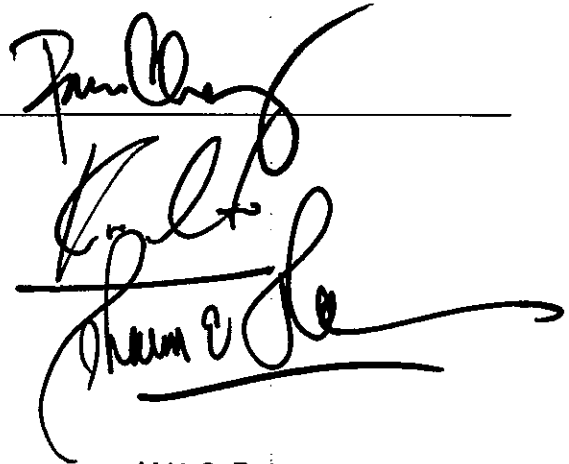
11        (j) The department of health shall adopt, modify, and  
12 repeal rules of general application as may be necessary to carry  
13 into effect this section."

14        SECTION 2.    New statutory material is underscored.

15        SECTION 3.    This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Regulating Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses

**Description:**

Establishes a licensing requirement for all clean and sober homes and halfway houses and requires the department of health to establish rules to oversee them.

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