
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIANAE COAST HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE, SHORT-, AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS AND THOSE AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that there is an immediate
2 and growing problem of homeless individuals and families on the
3 Waianae Coast; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast is a geographic area of the
6 island of Oahu comprising United States Census Tracts 98.01,
7 98.02, 97.01, 97.02, 96.03, and 96.01, and which includes
8 Kalaeloa; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast has long been perceived as a
11 community with significantly disproportionate socio-economic
12 needs and for the past several years has been noted for the
13 numbers of homeless individuals and families who populate its
14 beaches and other public and private properties; and

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16 WHEREAS, the 2005 Waianae Coast Housing Summit identified
17 the need for housing for increasing numbers of individuals and
18 families living on the beaches of the Waianae Coast; and

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20 WHEREAS, Governor Linda Lingle issued a proclamation that
21 created the H.E.A.R.T. team and facilitated planning and
22 construction of shelters to address homelessness, which resulted
23 in an additional five shelters on West Oahu that include the
24 Kalaeloa area of Kapolei, for a total of seven shelters to serve
25 the community; and

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27 WHEREAS, in response to the community's call for action,
28 the City and County of Honolulu worked with the Waianae Coast
29 and the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Boards to close public
30 beaches and remove homeless families and individuals; and



1 WHEREAS, Paiolu Kaiaulu, an emergency shelter on the
2 Waianae Coast that was erected in 2007 to serve the immediate
3 needs of homeless individuals and families may close in 2012,
4 which would eliminate emergency shelter units on the Waianae
5 Coast; and

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7 WHEREAS, current economic conditions have resulted in the
8 reduction of the level of human services provided and the loss
9 of agencies, while there are still people on the streets and
10 beaches with multiple needs which cannot be met with the current
11 inventory of shelters; and

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13 WHEREAS, the 2009 Waianae Coast Housing Summit identified
14 the need to work together to develop system improvements,
15 improve the quality and accountability of services provided, and
16 plan for the future; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Leeward Housing Coalition formed as a
19 community-based effort continues to address homelessness
20 concerns and works with the City and County of Honolulu's
21 Continuum of Care and Partners in Care to improve conditions for
22 homeless individuals and families on the island of Oahu; and

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24 WHEREAS, despite all of this collaborative effort, there
25 remains a need to address the housing and homelessness issues
26 along the Waianae Coast; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests
31 the establishment of a Waianae Coast Homelessness Task Force
32 (Task Force) to develop a comprehensive plan to address the
33 immediate, short-term, and long-term needs of the Waianae Coast
34 and Kalaeloa. The Task Force is requested to:

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36 (1) Identify community, agency, and funding resources
37 serving the homeless and homeless at-risk populations;
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39 (2) Develop a continuum of care for Waianae Coast
40 individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk
41 of becoming homeless;
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- 1 (3) Develop a case management system based on client
- 2 outcomes that connects outreach, emergency shelters,
- 3 transitional housing and supportive programs;
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- 5 (4) Provide recommendations for a single point of access
- 6 system; and
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- 8 (5) Identify existing shelters and recommend changes in
- 9 the physical and appropriations infrastructure; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Leeward Housing Coalition
 12 is requested to serve as the lead agency for this planning
 13 project with support from the Office of Planning; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include:

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- 17 (1) Representatives from neighborhood boards, selected by
- 18 the lead agency;
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- 20 (2) Representatives from community organizations, selected
- 21 by the lead agency;
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- 23 (3) The Director of Human Services or the Director's
- 24 designee;
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- 26 (4) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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- 28 (5) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Myron
- 29 B. Thompson School of Social Work or the Dean's
- 30 designee;
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- 32 (6) The Chancellor of Leeward Community College or the
- 33 Chancellor's designee;
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- 35 (7) The Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
- 36 Hawaiian Affairs or the Chair's designee;
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- 38 (8) The Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the
- 39 Chair's designee;
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- 41 (9) The Director of the City and County of Honolulu,
- 42 Community Services Department or the Director's
- 43 designee;
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- 1 (10) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Community
- 2 Development Authority or the Executive Director's
- 3 designee;
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- 5 (11) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
- 6 and Development Corporation or the Director's
- 7 designee; and
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- 9 (12) The President of Kamehameha Schools or the President's
- 10 designee; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waianae Coast Homelessness
 13 Task Force is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no
 14 later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular
 15 Session of 2011, describing the progress made by the Task Force
 16 its findings and recommendations, and any proposed legislation;
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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 21 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 22 Representatives, the Director of the Office of Planning, the
 23 Director of Human Services, the Director of the Health, the
 24 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Dean of the
 25 Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of
 26 Hawaii at Manoa, the Chancellor of Leeward Community College,
 27 the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
 28 Affairs, the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the
 29 Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of
 30 Community Services, the Executive Director of the Hawaii
 31 Community Development Authority, the Executive Director of the
 32 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the
 33 Executive Director of the Leeward Housing Coalition, the
 34 President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools, and the
 35 Neighborhood Commission.

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