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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIANAЕ 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, there is an immediate and growing problem of  
2 homeless individuals and families on the Waianae Coast; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast is a geographic area of the  
5 island of Oahu comprising United States Census Tracts 98.01,  
6 98.02, 97.01, 97.02, 96.03, and 96.01, and which includes  
7 Kalaeloa; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Waianae Coast has long been perceived as a  
10 community with significantly disproportionate socio-economic  
11 needs and for the past several years has been noted for the  
12 number of homeless individuals and families who populate its  
13 beaches and other public and private properties; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the 2005 Waianae Coast Housing Summit identified a  
16 need for housing for increasing numbers of individuals and  
17 families living on the beaches of the Waianae Coast; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Governor Linda Lingle issued a proclamation that  
20 created the H.E.A.R.T. team and facilitated the planning and  
21 construction of shelters to address homelessness, which resulted  
22 in an additional five shelters in the West Oahu area, including  
23 the Kalaeloa area of Kapolei, for a total of seven shelters to  
24 serve the community; and  
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26           WHEREAS, in response to the community's call for action,  
27 the City and County of Honolulu worked with the Waianae Coast  
28 and Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Boards to close public beaches  
29 and remove homeless families and individuals; and  
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31           WHEREAS, Paiolu Kaiaulu, an emergency shelter on the  
32 Waianae Coast that was erected in 2007 to serve the immediate



1 needs of homeless individuals and families may close in 2012,  
2 which would eliminate emergency shelter units on the Waianae  
3 Coast; and  
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5 WHEREAS, current economic conditions have resulted in the  
6 reduction of the level of human services provided and agencies  
7 to provide them, while there are still people on the streets and  
8 beaches with multiple needs that cannot be met with the current  
9 inventory of shelters; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the 2009 Waianae Coast Housing Summit identified  
12 the need to work together to develop system improvements,  
13 improve the quality and accountability of services provided, and  
14 plan for the future; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Leeward Housing Coalition, formed as a  
17 community-based effort, continues to address homelessness  
18 concerns and works with the City and County of Honolulu's  
19 Continuum of Care and Partners in Care to improve conditions for  
20 homeless individuals and families on the island of Oahu; and  
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22 WHEREAS, despite all of this collaborative effort, there  
23 remains a need to address the housing and homelessness issues  
24 along the Waianae Coast; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests  
29 the establishment of a Waianae Coast Homelessness Task Force  
30 (Task Force) to develop a comprehensive plan to address the  
31 immediate, short-, and long-term needs of the Waianae Coast and  
32 Kalaeloa; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to:

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- 36 (1) Identify community, agency, and funding resources  
37 serving the homeless and at-risk homeless 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;



- 1 (3) Develop a case management system based on client
- 2 outcomes that connects outreach, emergency shelters,
- 3 transitional housing, and support 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;

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

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include:

- 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; and  
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5           (12) The President of Kamehameha Schools or the President's  
6           designee;

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9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
10          Development Corporation is requested to serve as a resource for  
11          the Task Force; and  
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13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
14          submit a report describing the progress made by the Task Force,  
15          its findings and recommendations, and any proposed legislation  
16          to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the  
17          convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20          Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
21          Director of the Office of Planning, the Director of Human  
22          Services, the Director of Health, the Dean of the Myron B.  
23          Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at  
24          Manoa, the Chancellor of Leeward Community College, the Chair of  
25          the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the  
26          Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Director of the City  
27          and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services, the  
28          Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development  
29          Authority, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance  
30          and Development Corporation, the Executive Director of the  
31          Leeward Housing Coalition, the President and Headmaster of  
32          Kamehameha Schools, and the Neighborhood Commission.

