
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CLEAN AND SOBER HOME AND HALFWAY HOUSE TASK
FORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that clean and sober
2 homes and halfway houses are an integral step in the treatment
3 of individuals recently released from incarceration and with
4 substance abuse issues. Persons released from incarceration
5 especially need the support of a home environment while trying
6 to deal with the stressors of reintegrating back into society
7 while maintaining sobriety. The legislature also finds that
8 there is a community concern regarding having these homes in
9 their immediate vicinity, and their concerns must be tempered
10 with the needs of the individuals requiring support.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to
12 determine how clean and sober homes and halfway houses may be
13 regulated, while still meeting all laws protecting people with
14 disabilities.

15 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the clean and sober
16 home and halfway house task force within the department of
17 health for administrative purposes.



1 (b) The clean and sober home and halfway house task force
2 shall consist of the following members:

3 (1) Two members to be appointed by the governor;

4 (2) Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
5 president of the senate;

6 (3) Two members of the house of representatives, to be
7 appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives;

9 (4) The attorney general or the attorney general's
10 designee;

11 (5) The administrator of the alcohol and drug abuse
12 division of the department of health or the
13 administrator's designee;

14 (6) The director of the city and county of Honolulu's
15 department of planning and permitting or the
16 director's designee;

17 (7) One member from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition;

18 (8) One member from a legal representative of a
19 disabilities organization;

20 (9) One member from the coalition for clean and sober
21 homes; and

22 (10) One member from Oxford House, Inc.



1 (c) The task force shall:

2 (1) Address the health, safety, and welfare of individuals
3 placed in clean and sober homes or halfway houses;

4 (2) Address the needs and concerns of the communities in
5 which the clean and sober homes or halfway houses are
6 located;

7 (3) Develop procedures and protocols for making clean and
8 sober homes and halfway houses accountable, yet not
9 requiring formal licensure; and

10 (4) Ensure that all recommendations are in compliance with
11 federal and state housing laws for persons with
12 disabilities.

13 (d) The members of the task force shall select the
14 chairperson of the task force from among themselves. Members of
15 the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be
16 reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
17 incurred in the performance of their official duties.

18 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
19 and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days
20 prior to the convening of the 2012 regular session.

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

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Report Title:

Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force, within the department of health, to regulate clean and sober homes and halfway houses.

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