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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO RECONVENE THE CLEAN AND  
SOBER HOMES AND HALFWAY HOUSES TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, clean and sober homes provide a means for persons  
2 to return to the community by providing support in a home-like  
3 environment without the structure of a special treatment  
4 facility or therapeutic living program, both of which require  
5 licensure; and  
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7           WHEREAS, clean and sober homes are located in communities  
8 through the State and provide housing for substance abuse and  
9 mental health clients transitioning from a treatment setting to  
10 life back in the community; and  
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12           WHEREAS, halfway houses provide a stable living environment  
13 for criminal offenders who are released under the supervision of  
14 the Department of Public Safety, probationers under the  
15 supervision of the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch, and  
16 parolees under the supervision of the Hawaii Paroling Authority;  
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19           WHEREAS, in 2012, the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway  
20 Houses Task Force was convened by the Director of Health in  
21 response to and in anticipation of the need for housing of  
22 probationers and parolees as a result of Act 139, Session Laws  
23 of Hawaii 2012, and Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, both  
24 part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task  
27 Force examined concerns about housing for individuals  
28 transitioning from institutionalization or treatment settings to  
29 independent living within the context of public health and  
30 safety; federal fair housing provisions; agency referral and  
31 placement criteria and processes; county conditional use permit  
32 applications and review criteria; and the registration and  
33 monitoring of clean and sober homes and halfway houses; and



1 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Clean and Sober Homes and  
 2 Halfway Houses Task Force's scheduled meetings, members  
 3 recognized that despite their hard work and diligence, there  
 4 were a number of major issues that required further discussion;  
 5 now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 8 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 9 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Director of  
 10 Health is requested to reconvene the Clean and Sober Homes and  
 11 Halfway Houses Task Force; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure continuity, the  
 14 Director of Health is requested, to the extent practical, to  
 15 include in the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task  
 16 Force representatives from the same entities that participated  
 17 in the original task force, such as:  
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- 19 (1) Members of the Senate, as selected by the President of  
 20 the Senate;
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- 22 (2) Members of the House of Representatives, as selected  
 23 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 25 (3) Representatives from the Judiciary's Adult Client  
 26 Services Branch;
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- 28 (4) Representatives from the Department of the Attorney  
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- 31 (5) Representatives from the Department of Health;
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- 33 (6) Representatives from the Department of Human Services;
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- 35 (7) Representatives from the Department of Public Safety;
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- 37 (8) Representatives from the Hawaii Paroling Authority;
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- 39 (9) Representatives from each county's planning  
 40 department;
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- 42 (10) Homeless advocates;



1 (11) Clean and sober homes providers; and

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3 (12) Halfway house providers; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean and Sober Homes and  
6 Halfway Houses Task Force is requested to discuss and resolve  
7 the following outstanding issues:

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9 (1) Clarifying the definitions of the terms "registration"  
10 and "monitoring" as they relate to clean and sober  
11 homes and halfway houses;

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13 (2) Determining appropriate sections of the Hawaii Revised  
14 Statutes in which to insert the definition of terms  
15 for which the task force has previously reached  
16 agreement, including the terms "clean and sober home"  
17 and "community support home";

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19 (3) Clarifying the voluntary registry function and  
20 determining its applicability beyond alcohol- and  
21 drug-free housing for substance abusers and criminal  
22 offenders;

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24 (4) Determining what department or agency should be  
25 responsible for receiving, compiling, and following up  
26 on complaints received about clean and sober homes and  
27 halfway houses;

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29 (5) Drafting a budget that includes staffing and operating  
30 costs to be incurred for start-up and ongoing expenses  
31 for operation of the voluntary registry;

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33 (6) Developing criteria for policies, procedures, and  
34 guidelines for operation of the voluntary registry;  
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37 (7) Assessing the financial impact of imposing  
38 registration and monitoring requirements that may  
39 increase costs to clean and sober homes and halfway  
40 house residents who have limited resources; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean and Sober Homes and  
43 Halfway Houses Task Force is requested to submit its findings  
44 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
2 Regular Session of 2014; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President  
6 of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; State  
7 Administrator of the Judiciary; Attorney General; Director of  
8 Health; Director of Human Services; Director of Public Safety;  
9 Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority; Director of  
10 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu;  
11 Director of Planning of the County of Hawaii; Director of  
12 Planning of the County of Maui; Director of Planning of the  
13 County of Kauai; Director of Makana O Ke Akua, Inc.; Chairperson  
14 of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Executive Director of  
15 the Institute for Human Services; and Executive Director of T.J.  
16 Mahoney & Associates, Inc.

