H.R. NO. [6]

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, clean and sober homes provide a means for persons 1 2 to return to the community by providing support in a home-like environment without the structure of a special treatment 3 4 facility or therapeutic living program, both of which require 5 licensure; and 6 WHEREAS, clean and sober homes are located in communities 7 through the State and provide housing for substance abuse and 8 9 mental health clients transitioning from a treatment setting to life back in the community; and 10 11 WHEREAS, halfway houses provide a stable living environment 12 for criminal offenders who are released under the supervision of 13 the Department of Public Safety, probationers under the 14 supervision of the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch, and 15 parolees under the supervision of the Hawaii Paroling Authority; 16 and 17 18 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway 19 Houses Task Force was convened by the interim Director of Health 20 in response to and in anticipation of the need for housing of 21 probationers and parolees as a result of Act 139, Session Laws 22 of Hawaii 2012, and Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, both 23 part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task 26 Force examined concerns about housing for individuals 27 transitioning from institutionalization or treatment settings to 28 independent living within the context of public health and 29

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 34

35 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Clean and Sober Homes and 36 Halfway Houses Task Force's scheduled meetings, members



recognized that despite their hard work and diligence, there 1 2 were a number of major issues that required further discussion; 3 now, therefore, 4 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that the Director of Health is requested to 7 reconvene the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task 8 9 Force; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure continuity, the 12 Director of Health is requested, to the extent practical, to include in the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task 13 Force representatives from the same entities that participated 14 in the original task force, such as: 15 16 Members of the Senate, as selected by the President of 17 (1)18 the Senate; 19 (2)Members of the House of Representatives, as selected 20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 21 22 Representatives from the Judiciary's Adult Client (3) 23 24 Services Branch; 25 (4)Representatives from the Department of the Attorney 26 27 General; 28 (5) Representatives from the Department of Health; 29 30 (6) Representatives from the Department of Human Services; 31 32 Representatives from the Department of Public Safety; (7)33 34 (8) Representatives from the Hawaii Paroling Authority; 35 36 (9) Representatives from each county's planning 37 department; 38 39 40 (10)Homeless advocates; 41 (11) Clean and sober homes providers; and 42 43 Halfway house providers; and 44 (12)2013-1758 HR SMA-1.doc

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1 2 3 4 5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task Force is requested to discuss and resolve the following outstanding issues:		
6 7 8 9	(1)	Clarifying the definitions of the terms "registration" and "monitoring" as they relate to clean and sober homes and halfway houses;	
10 11 12 13 14 15	(2)	Determining appropriate sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in which to insert the definition of terms for which the task force has previously reached agreement, including the terms "clean and sober home" and "community home";	
16 17 18 19 20	(3)	Clarifying the voluntary registry function and determining its applicability beyond alcohol- and drug-free housing for substance abusers and criminal offenders;	
20 21 22 23 24 25	(4)	Determining what department or agency should be responsible for receiving, compiling, and following up on complaints received about clean and sober homes and halfway houses;	
25 26 27 28 29	(5)	Drafting a budget that includes staffing and operating costs to be incurred for start-up and ongoing expenses for operation of the voluntary registry;	
29 30 31 32 33	(6)	Developing criteria for policies, procedures, and guidelines for operation of the voluntary registry; and	
34 35 36 37	(7)	Assessing the financial impact of imposing registration and monitoring requirements that may increase costs to clean and sober homes and halfway house residents who have limited resources; and	
38 39 40 41 42 43 44	Halfway H and recom Legislatu	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean and Sober Homes and lfway Houses Task Force is requested to submit its findings d recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the gislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of e Regular Session of 2014; and	
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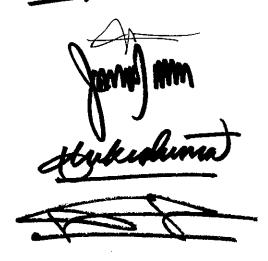
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 1 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President of the 2 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; State 3 Administrator of the Judiciary; Attorney General; Director of 4 Health; Director of Human Services; Director of Public Safety; 5 Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority; Director of 6 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; 7 Director of Planning of the County of Hawaii; Director of 8 Planning of the County of Maui; Director of Planning of the 9 County of Kauai; Director of Makana O Ke Akua, Inc.; Chairperson 10 11 of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Executive Director of the Institute for Human Services; and Executive Director of T.J. 12 Mahoney & Associates, Inc. 13

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