
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST
IN FINDING OPPORTUNITIES AND SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS
HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that homelessness is an
2 immediate and pressing problem for many individuals and families
3 in Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, the homeless population is a diverse group that
6 includes individuals who are in need of specialized services to
7 address chronic mental and physical illnesses as well as
8 substance abuse; and

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10 WHEREAS, the homeless population also includes individuals,
11 such as veterans or parents with young children, who are in need
12 of specialized social support resources or innovative services
13 tailored for their individual needs; and

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15 WHEREAS, homelessness is a mutual concern among state and
16 federal agencies, community programs and foundations, and the
17 business community, including many non-governmental
18 organizations that deliver pivotal services to the homeless by
19 providing meals, job training and placement, and early childhood
20 education; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature is striving to address long-term
23 solutions to homelessness, including repairing or building
24 public housing units, providing housing subsidies and services,
25 and creating employment and job training programs; and

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27 WHEREAS, non-governmental organizations are often able to
28 organize quickly to aid the homeless and leverage funding from
29 public and private sources to help those less fortunate; and

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31 WHEREAS, many Hawaii organizations currently assist
32 homeless individuals by providing meals, training, jobs, and
33 other services without seeking special recognition for their
34 efforts; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
4 Session of 2014, that this body supports and applauds the
5 efforts by non-governmental organizations that assist in finding
6 opportunities and solutions to address homelessness in Hawaii;
7 and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's Coordinator on
11 Homelessness, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public
12 Housing Authority, the Director of Human Services, the Chief
13 Executive Officer of the Affordable Housing and Homeless
14 Alliance, the President of Hawaii Youth Services Network, and
15 the Executive Director of U.S. Vets Hawaii.

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