
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES REGULATING
CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES AND HALFWAY HOUSES.

1 WHEREAS, clean and sober homes and halfway houses provide a
2 supportive means for individuals to return to the community in a
3 home-like environment without the structure of a special
4 treatment facility or therapeutic living program, both of which
5 require licensure; and
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7 WHEREAS, clean and sober homes and halfway houses provide
8 stable living conditions beneficial to sustained recovery from
9 substance abuse and for helping mental health clients and
10 persons released from incarceration to transition back to
11 independent life in the community; and
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13 WHEREAS, since clean and sober homes and halfway houses are
14 situated in communities throughout the State, it is important to
15 ensure that housing regulations are applied fairly and
16 consistently in each county; and
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18 WHEREAS, community residents have expressed concern over
19 the operation of such homes in their immediate vicinity and the
20 homes' compliance with all state and county laws; and
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22 WHEREAS, the needs and concerns of the community must be
23 balanced with the needs of individuals requiring the support
24 provided by clean and sober housing; and
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26 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the council of each county under
27 section 46-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to prescribe rules,
28 regulations, and administrative procedures and to enforce any
29 ordinance regarding county zoning, including the regulation of
30 clean and sober homes and halfway houses; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, that the council of each county is requested to
4 hold a public informational meeting intended to educate and
5 notify the community of clean and sober homes and halfway houses
6 within the vicinity, and encourage the issuance of a permit by a
7 county agency as required by section 46-4(e), Hawaii Revised
8 Statutes; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council of each county is
11 encouraged to balance the concerns of the community with the
12 needs of individuals requiring the support provided by clean and
13 sober homes and halfway houses; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council of each county is
16 encouraged to develop a plan for monitoring clean and sober
17 homes and halfway houses to ensure compliance with occupancy and
18 zoning requirements as defined by section 46-4, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, using the most appropriate practices for the
20 regulation of these facilities; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the respective Chairs of the County
24 Councils of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui and of the Honolulu City
25 Council.
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OFFERED BY:



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