
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO WORK WITH STATE IN
DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS
AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN WAIPAHU.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness, which causes major public health and
2 societal issues, continues to be one of the most significant and
3 persistent problems in the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, according to the Hawaii Statewide Point
6 in Time Count:

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8 (1) There were over six-thousand five-hundred homeless
9 individuals in the State;

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11 (2) There were over four-thousand homeless individuals on
12 the island of Oahu in 2018; and

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14 (3) Nearly half of the homeless individuals on Oahu in
15 2018 were unsheltered; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Statewide Point in Time Count also
18 estimated that in 2018, the Ewa region of Oahu, which includes
19 Waipahu, experienced an 8.2 percent increase in the number of
20 unsheltered homeless individuals compared to the previous year,
21 while the overall unsheltered homeless population on Oahu
22 decreased by 7.7 percent over the same period; and

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24 WHEREAS, nearly thirty percent of the homeless population
25 in the Ewa region are in Waipahu; and

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27 WHEREAS, Waipahu residents have raised concerns about
28 numerous growing homeless encampments, which include areas
29 around Honowai Circle, Hawaii Plantation Village, Waikele
30 Stream, and various other areas in the neighborhood; and



1 WHEREAS, at least one reported encampment was located
2 beneath the Honowai Street Bridge near the H-1 Freeway and
3 included children; and
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5 WHEREAS, over a six-month period, the staff at Hawaii's
6 Plantation Village, an outdoor museum showcasing numerous
7 restored buildings and replicas of plantation-style structures,
8 filed over fifty complaints about homeless individuals
9 trespassing on the property and its surrounding areas; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 2017, numerous agencies offered services at
12 Hawaii's Plantation Village to assist homeless individuals in
13 the surrounding area; and
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15 WHEREAS, approximately forty homeless individuals are
16 believed to live in the area on or near Hawaii's Plantation
17 Village; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
21 2019, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
22 Honolulu is urged to work with State in developing strategies to
23 provide assistance to the homeless and reduce the number of
24 homeless individuals in Waipahu; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of
28 the County Council, and the Director of the Department of
29 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; the
30 Director of Human Services; and the Governor's Coordinator on
31 Homelessness.
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OFFERED BY:

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