



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

September 15, 2020

GOV. MSG. NO. 1170

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on September 15, 2020, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2893 SD1 HD2

RELATING TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.
Act 065 (20)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on SEP 15 2020

THE SENATE
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 065
S.B. NO. 2893
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 2015, the United States Department of
2 Housing and Urban Development established a definition of
3 "chronically homeless" for use in its homeless assistance
4 programs. The purpose of this Act is to amend Hawaii's
5 definition of "chronically homeless individual" to better align
6 with the federal definition and reduce confusion among service
7 providers, communities, and private partners.

8 SECTION 2. Section 346-378, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 "(e) As used in this section, "chronically homeless
11 individual" means [~~a homeless individual who has an addiction or
12 a mental illness, or both.~~]:

13 (1) A homeless individual having a mental illness,
14 addiction, or physical disability who:

15 (A) Lives in a place not meant for human habitation,
16 a safe haven, or an emergency shelter; and



1 (B) Has been homeless and living as described in
2 subparagraph (A) continuously for at least twelve
3 months or on at least four separate occasions in
4 the last three years; provided that the combined
5 occasions equal at least twelve months and each
6 break in homelessness separating the occasions
7 included at least seven consecutive nights of not
8 living in places as described in subparagraph
9 (A); provided further that stays in institutional
10 care facilities for fewer than ninety days shall
11 not constitute a break in homelessness, but shall
12 be included in the twelve-month total if the
13 individual was living in a place not meant for
14 human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency
15 shelter immediately before entering the
16 institutional care facility;

17 (2) An individual who has been residing in an
18 institutional care facility, including a jail,
19 substance abuse or mental health treatment facility,
20 hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than



1 ninety days and met all of the criteria in paragraph
2 (1) before entering that facility; or
3 (3) A family with an adult head of household, or a minor
4 head of household if there is no adult in the family,
5 who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) or (2),
6 including a family whose composition has fluctuated
7 while the head of household has been homeless."

8 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
9 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
10 begun before its effective date.

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 15 day of SEP , 2020



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: July 10, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2020.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: July 6, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives