
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OHANA ZONES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) of section 3 to read as
3 follows:
4 "(b) The governor shall designate executive branch
5 agencies to develop and implement the ohana zones pilot program,
6 including an agency with specific expertise in construction
7 development and an agency with specific expertise in
8 administering homeless services. The governor, through the
9 governor's designated agencies, shall determine the number and
10 locations of the ohana zones, which shall be situated on public
11 lands; provided that the designated agencies shall identify at
12 least [~~three~~] six sites on Oahu and one site on each of the
13 islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui [~~-~~]; provided further that the
14 designated agencies shall identify at least two sites on each of
15 the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, if the ohana zones pilot
16 program capacity permits."



1 SECTION 2. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is
2 amended by amending section 4 as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

4 "(b) The agencies designated by the governor shall
5 establish [~~no later than December 31, 2018,~~] the following:

- 6 (1) The criteria that the agencies will use to evaluate
7 potential ohana zone locations;
- 8 (2) A monthly timetable of milestones that the agencies
9 expect to meet in establishing one or more ohana zones
10 over the course of the three-year pilot program;
- 11 (3) The specific, measurable, attainable, reasonable, and
12 time-based performance measures that the agencies
13 expect to meet at the end of each fiscal year;
- 14 (4) The evaluation criteria and process that the agencies
15 intend to use each year when reviewing the success and
16 sustainability of the ohana zones; and
- 17 (5) The monitoring and oversight controls that the
18 agencies will have over the ohana zones to identify,
19 address, and prevent possible fraud, waste, and abuse
20 and ensure compliance with local, state, and federal
21 laws."



1 2. By amending subsections (e) and (f) to read:

2 "(e) The reports submitted no later than twenty days prior
3 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2020 and 2021 shall
4 include the following information:

5 (1) The milestones established pursuant to subsection (b)
6 that were met by the agencies designated by the
7 governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program and
8 ohana zones established during the fiscal year;

9 (2) An evaluation of the ohana zones to determine whether
10 the objectives set have been met or exceeded;

11 (3) Any proposed changes that need to be made to the
12 performance measures used to assess the achievement of
13 program goals; and

14 (4) An assessment of the impact of the ohana zone model on
15 the homelessness problem in Hawaii[-] i

16 (5) An evaluation of the ohana zones to determine what
17 ultra-low cost modular housing would be best suited
18 for permanent supportive housing; and

19 (6) An evaluation of the ohana zones to determine whether
20 there are off-the-grid infrastructure technologies



1 that can provide drinking water, electricity, and
2 process sewage, without existing infrastructure.

3 (f) The pilot program shall cease to exist three years
4 from the contract execution date or on June 30, [2021.] 2022,
5 whichever is later."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2020-2021 for the ohana zones pilot program, including
11 expenses related to staffing, facility construction, provision
12 of services, and administrative costs.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of human services for the purposes of this Act; provided that:

15 (1) The department of human services shall transfer the
16 expenditure authority to designated executive branch
17 departments or agencies within a reasonable time; and

18 (2) A designated executive branch department or agency
19 with expenditure authority may provide a direct grant
20 to a nonprofit organization based in an ohana zone;
21 provided that fifty per cent of the amount over which



1 the department or agency has expenditure authority
2 shall be distributed first to nonprofit organizations
3 based in an ohana zone.

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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

DHS; Homelessness; Housing; Ohana Zones Pilot Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Increases the number of ohana zone sites on Oahu from three to six. Increases the number of ohana zones on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, if the ohana zones pilot program capacity permits. Requires that additional information be included in the reports submitted no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2020 and 2021. Provides additional time for the implementation of the ohana zones pilot program. Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the ohana zones pilot program. (SD1)

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