
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND HONOLULU POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS AND
DEVELOP SOLUTIONS FOR PROVIDING CARE AND SERVICES FOR THESE
INDIVIDUALS WHILE ENSURING COMMUNITY SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest rates of
2 homelessness in the nation, with forty-six out of every ten
3 thousand people in Hawaii being reported as homeless; and
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5 WHEREAS, in addition to posing a direct risk to the health
6 and safety of affected individuals, homelessness also serves as
7 an added stressor or contributing factor in many crimes; and
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9 WHEREAS, as of September 30, 2021, the 'Ohana Zone program
10 has served five thousand sixty-seven individuals and placed
11 eleven hundred twenty-nine individuals into permanent housing;
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14 WHEREAS, the Homeless Outreach and Navigation for
15 Unsheltered Persons (HONU) program is a mobile facility that
16 provides short-term shelter services and navigation to connect
17 homeless individuals and families to longer-term sheltering and
18 other housing options; and
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20 WHEREAS, HONU is funded through the 'Ohana Zone program and
21 operated by the City and County of Honolulu's Department of
22 Community Services in conjunction with the Honolulu Police
23 Department; and
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25 WHEREAS, HONU will rotate through multiple locations on
26 Oahu for a maximum of ninety days at a time; and
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28 WHEREAS, establishing sites to provide HONU services in
29 each City Council district on Oahu and extending the time HONU
30 operates in each site would increase access to transitional
31 services for unsheltered persons; and



WHEREAS, there is a growing concern about violent crime committed by unsheltered persons; and

WHEREAS, a three strikes program would allow police to detain an individual with a record of committing violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, Weed & Seed Hawai'i, Inc., is a community-based organization that works with law enforcement to reduce crime in communities and develop community solutions to crimes in neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Weed & Seed Hawai'i has site programs located in downtown Honolulu, Waipahu, and Ewa Beach; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a multifaceted issue and expanding various existing initiatives that target specific elements of the homeless crisis, particularly better access to services and reducing crime, is an important step in addressing homelessness in Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, that the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department are requested to address the ongoing homelessness crisis and develop solutions for providing care and services for these individuals while ensuring community safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department are further requested to establish HONU sites in each City Council district on Oahu and extend the time HONU operates in each site beyond ninety days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Police Department is requested to implement a three strikes program to allow for the detention of an unsheltered person with a record of three or more counts of assault; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Police Department
2 is further requested to work with Weed & Seed Hawai'i, Inc., to
3 develop community policing solutions to address violent crime
4 committed by or occurring within the homeless population in the
5 Waianae Coast community; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
9 Honolulu, Interim Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police
10 Department, and President of Weed & Seed Hawai'i, Inc.

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