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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness remains  
2 a chronic issue in Hawaii. The legislature further finds that  
3 the ohana zones pilot program, established under Act 209,  
4 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, and Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii  
5 2019, has thus far been effective at serving its intended  
6 purposes of providing housing and critical services to the  
7 State's homeless population. This pilot program, however, is  
8 set to expire on June 30, 2023.

9       The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10       (1) Extend the ohana zones pilot program's sunset date by  
11       five years, to June 30, 2028;
- 12       (2) Upon expiration of the ohana zones pilot program on  
13       June 30, 2028, establish an ohana zones program within  
14       the Hawaii public housing authority as part of its  
15       rental assistance programs; and
- 16       (3) Appropriate funds for the extension of the ohana zones  
17       pilot program and expenses related to facility



1 construction, renovation, and maintenance; provision  
2 of services and staffing; and administrative costs.

3 SECTION 2. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018,  
4 section 4, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,  
5 section 1, is amended to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 4. (a) Contracts entered into by the agencies  
7 designated by the governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot  
8 program shall be exempt from the requirements of chapters 103D  
9 and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 (b) The agencies designated by the governor shall  
11 establish no later than December 31, 2018, the following:

12 (1) The criteria that the agencies will use to evaluate  
13 potential ohana zone locations;

14 (2) A monthly timetable of milestones that the agencies  
15 expect to meet in establishing one or more ohana zones  
16 over the course of the three-year pilot program;

17 (3) The specific, measurable, attainable, reasonable, and  
18 time-based performance measures that the agencies  
19 expect to meet at the end of each fiscal year;



(4) The evaluation criteria and process that the agencies intend to use each year when reviewing the success and sustainability of the ohana zones; and

(5) The monitoring and oversight controls that the agencies will have over the ohana zones to identify, address, and prevent possible fraud, waste, and abuse and ensure compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

(c) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall compile and consolidate information from the agencies designated by the governor to effectuate this part and submit reports to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of ~~[2020, 2021, and 2022.]~~ 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

~~[(d) The report submitted no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020 shall include the following information:~~

~~(1) A summary and explanation of the process that the agencies designated by the governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program engaged in to identify possible ohana zone locations; and~~



1       ~~(2) A summary of the information required under subsection~~  
2           ~~(b).~~

3       ~~(e)]~~ (d) The reports submitted no later than twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the regular sessions of [2021 and  
5 2022] 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 shall include the  
6 following information:

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

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

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

16       (4) An assessment of the impact of the ohana zone model on  
17 the homelessness problem in Hawaii.

18       ~~[(f)]~~ (e) The pilot program shall cease to exist on  
19 June 30, [2023-] 2028."

20       SECTION 3. (a) Upon the June 30, 2028, expiration of the  
21 ohana zones pilot program, established pursuant to Act 209,



1 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2019, and as amended further by section 2 of this Act,  
3 there shall be established within the Hawaii public housing  
4 authority's rental assistance programs for administrative and  
5 funding purposes, an ohana zones program.

6 (b) The ohana zones program established pursuant to this  
7 section shall provide temporary housing and services to homeless  
8 individuals and families based on principals similar to the  
9 housing first program, and shall be substantially similar to the  
10 pilot program established pursuant to Act 209, Session Laws of  
11 Hawaii 2018, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,  
12 and as amended further by section 2 of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
16 the extension of the ohana zones pilot program and expenses  
17 related to facility construction, renovation, and maintenance;  
18 provision of services and staffing; and administrative costs.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
20 governor for the purposes of this Act; provided that the  
21 governor shall transfer the expenditure authority to designated



1 executive branch departments or agencies within a reasonable  
2 time.

3 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governor  
4 may transfer all or a portion of the appropriation in this  
5 section to the governor's designated executive branch agencies  
6 for expenditures incurred to implement the program.

7 The governor's designated executive branch agencies may  
8 expend any appropriation transferred pursuant to this section  
9 for the performance of its duties under the pilot program and  
10 may contract with any county or county agency in implementing  
11 the program; provided that any funds unused by June 30, 2028,  
12 shall be transferred to the Hawaii public housing authority for  
13 purposes of establishing an ohana zones program as set forth by  
14 section 3 of this Act; provided further that any funds  
15 transferred to the authority pursuant to this section shall be  
16 in addition to and shall not supplant any portion of the base  
17 budget of the authority.

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

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
21 2050.



**Report Title:**

Governor; Homelessness; Housing; Ohana Zones Pilot Program;  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Appropriation

**Description:**

Extends the sunset date of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program from 6/30/2023 to 06/30/2028. Establishes an Ohana Zones Program within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority upon expiration of the pilot program. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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