
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO ESTABLISH A RELOCATION PROJECT TO ASSIST HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, WITH THE GOALS OF REDUCING HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, RECIDIVISM, AND TAXPAYERS' COSTS.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is one of the most pressing problems
2 in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, according to the Partners in Care 2023 Point in
5 Time Count, there are at least four thousand twenty-eight people
6 experiencing homelessness on Oahu; and

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8 WHEREAS, while Hawaii has one of the highest homelessness
9 rates in the nation, through improved coordination and
10 investment in programs such as the Kauhale Initiative, Ohana
11 Zones, Return to Home, and Housing First, Hawaii is turning the
12 tide on the homeless crisis; and

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14 WHEREAS, chronic homelessness is distinct from other forms
15 of homelessness and is defined by an individual being
16 continuously homeless for a year or more or having had at least
17 four episodes of homelessness in the past three years, and the
18 unaddressed problem of chronic homelessness is a particularly
19 costly problem for the State's health care and emergency service
20 systems; and

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22 WHEREAS, across the State, placing homeless individuals
23 into shelters, transitional housing, Kauhale, designated Ohana
24 Zones, and supportive housing has resulted in significant cost
25 savings for the health care system, emergency services systems,
26 corrections, and taxpayers; and

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28 WHEREAS, Kauhale and Ohana Zones are approaches to
29 homelessness that integrate permanent and affordable housing
30 with best practice community-based supportive services to allow



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1 individuals with serious long-term disabilities to maintain
2 stable housing in the community; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2024, that the Governor and Governor's Coordinator on
7 Homelessness are requested to establish a relocation project to
8 assist homeless individuals, with the goals of reducing
9 homelessness, crime, recidivism, and taxpayers' cost; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the relocation project is
12 requested to:

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14 (1) Assist homeless individuals into shelters, supportive
15 housing, Kauhale, or designated Ohana Zones; and

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17 (2) Ensure that homeless individuals receive triage
18 services by monitoring the success rate of placement
19 into shelters and accessibility of case management
20 services and care; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Governor's
23 Coordinator on Homelessness are requested to submit a report on
24 the status of the relocation project, including findings,
25 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the
26 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
27 the Regular Session of 2025; and

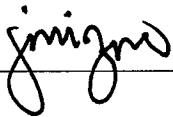
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Governor's
31 Coordinator on Homelessness.

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