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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSITIONAL HOMES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§346- Hawaii efficient transitional homes commission.**

(a) There is established within the department the Hawaii efficient transitional homes commission to:

(1) Oversee the strategic development, operation, and funding of transitional homes;

(2) Enhance the efficient management of transitional homes through technology and data-driven approaches; and

(3) Promote accountability through the development of performance metrics and recommendations for transparent operations.

(b) The commission shall comprise:

(1) The director of health, or the director's designee;

(2) The director of public safety, or the director's designee;



1        (3) The director of corrections and rehabilitation, or the  
2        director's designee;

3        (4) The director of human services, or the director's  
4        designee;

5        (5) The administrator of the state health planning and  
6        development agency, or the administrator's designee;

7        (6) A representative of the judiciary; and

8        (7)        members representing relevant nonprofit  
9        organizations, including organizations working in  
10       technology, to be selected by the chairperson of the  
11       commission and invited to participate.

12       (c) The commission shall select a chairperson from among  
13       its members.

14       (d) Members of the commission shall serve without  
15       compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,  
16       including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their  
17       duties.

18       (e) The commission shall develop performance metrics and  
19       recommendations for the efficient, effective, and transparent  
20       management of transitional homes, including recommendations  
21       regarding:



- 1        (1) Lean management practices for transitional home  
2        operations, focusing on quality service delivery;
- 3        (2) The use of technology for real-time monitoring of home  
4        conditions and residents' needs;
- 5        (3) The establishment of community liaison roles within  
6        each transitional home to manage relations, feedback,  
7        and reintegration efforts;
- 8        (4) The establishment of resident-led advisory boards  
9        within each transitional home to influence policy and  
10       operational decisions;
- 11       (5) The use of artificial intelligence and analytics for  
12       performance audits, to ensure the rapid identification  
13       and correction of inefficiencies;
- 14       (6) The development of an interactive public dashboard to  
15       provide transparency regarding the transitional homes'  
16       operations, finances, and outcomes;
- 17       (7) The development of a digital platform to allow  
18       stakeholder feedback and community input on the  
19       management of transitional homes;
- 20       (8) The establishment of key performance metrics for  
21       transitional homes, focused on resident outcomes,



1 operational efficiency, and community satisfaction;

2 and

3 (9) The monitoring and enforcement of statutory limits on  
4 the residency of transitional homes, which allow two  
5 residents and a resident manager.

6 (f) The commission shall submit a report of its findings  
7 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 each regular session, beginning with the regular session of  
10 2026.

11 (g) For the purposes of this section, "transitional home"  
12 means a residence for persons needing support in recovery or  
13 disability care, or in transitioning from homelessness or  
14 incarceration. "Transitional home" includes clean and sober  
15 homes."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

18 INTRODUCED BY:



# S.B. NO. 1288

**Report Title:**

Transitional Homes; Commission; Recommendations; Reports

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Efficient Transitional Homes Commission to provide recommendations for the efficient, effective, and transparent management of transitional homes. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

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