
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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



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1 with best practice community-based supportive services to allow
2 individuals with serious long-term disabilities to maintain
3 stable housing in the community; now, therefore,

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

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the relocation project is
14 requested to:

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

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

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

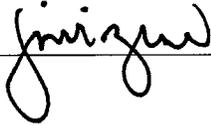
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
33 Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

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