
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall
2 establish ohana zones where homeless persons may reside in the
3 State.
- 4 (b) The location of each ohana zone shall be designated by
5 the land use commission.
- 6 (c) Each ohana zone shall be furnished with appropriate
7 hygiene facilities and security and social services as deemed
8 necessary.
- 9 (d) The peaceful consumption of alcoholic beverages by
10 persons twenty-one years of age or older shall be permitted in
11 ohana zones.
- 12 (e) Animal companions of homeless persons shall be
13 permitted in ohana zones.
- 14 (f) The department shall maintain and operate ohana zones
15 until the legislature determines that homelessness is no longer
16 a crisis in the State.



1 (g) The department shall consider the following when
2 establishing ohana zones:

3 (1) The target population to be served;

4 (2) Recommendations of potential sites to be designated as
5 ohana zones; provided that the sites shall be state
6 lands designated within the urban district by the land
7 use commission;

8 (3) The type of facilities or dwelling units permitted
9 within an ohana zone, including the use of modular
10 structures; and

11 (4) Strategies to transition inhabitants of an ohana zone
12 to permanent housing that utilizes the housing first
13 approach.

14 (h) The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to
15 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary to implement this
16 section.

17 (i) The department may employ, without regard to chapter
18 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and at pleasure dismiss persons it
19 finds necessary to assist with the operation of establishing
20 ohana zones.



1 (j) The State shall not be liable for any loss, damage,
2 injury, or death arising from or occurring in an ohana zone.

3 (k) For the purposes of this section, "Ohana zone" means a
4 place where homeless individuals may get basic needs including
5 food, shelter, bathrooms, showers, and other hygiene needs
6 addressed and where wrap-around services, social health care
7 services, transportation, and other similar services are
8 offered.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
12 establishment of ohana zones where homeless persons may reside
13 in the State.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 human services for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Department of Human Services; Homelessness; Ohana Zones;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish ohana
zones where homeless persons may reside. Appropriates funds.
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