
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING STAGE AGENCIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO
DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO LIMIT HOMELESSNESS AND ASSIST THE
EXISTING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN WINDWARD OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be one of the biggest
2 issues facing our State with many of the historically affordable
3 districts experiencing the effects of redevelopment, and
4 residents continue to earn less than the national average
5 income; and

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7 WHEREAS, as efforts to provide aid to the homeless
8 continue, it is important to provide a solution for afflicted
9 individuals that results in permanent sheltering, or provide a
10 process to obtain permanent sheltering to avoid relocating
11 homeless individuals to other districts; and

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13 WHEREAS, beds in homeless shelters are frequently left
14 unattended, with recent reports saying that, on average, there
15 are 550 beds left unattended each night; and

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17 WHEREAS, a comparison between the 2016 and 2017 Homeless
18 Persons Point-In-Time Count reports show a 3 percent decrease in
19 sheltered individuals and a 3 percent increase in unsheltered
20 individuals; and

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22 WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Homeless Persons Point-In-Time
23 Count report showed that the total homeless persons count on
24 Oahu went up 0.9 percent from 2016, with the Waianae and East
25 Honolulu regions experiencing decreases of 22 percent and
26 29 percent respectively, and the five remaining regions
27 experiencing increases in homelessness, with the largest of
28 those increases in the Windward region; and



1 WHEREAS, of the five regions that saw increases, the upper
 2 and lower Windward areas experienced a 156 percent increase,
 3 which is 62 percent higher than the combined increases in the
 4 remaining three regions; and

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 6 WHEREAS, recent strategies, implemented through public-
 7 private partnerships, have addressed the urgency to provide
 8 housing, and in six months have successfully moved more than 30
 9 families into permanent housing by focusing on childhood support
 10 services and family engagement programs; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Governor's Coordinator
 15 on Homelessness, the Director of Human Services, the Kailua
 16 Neighborhood Board, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, the
 17 Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board,
 18 the Kahuku Neighborhood Board, the Institute for Human Services,
 19 and appropriate non-profit organizations are urged to work
 20 together to develop strategies to limit homelessness and assist
 21 the existing homeless individuals in Windward Oahu; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's
 25 Coordinator on Homelessness, the Director of Human Services, the
 26 Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, the Chair of the Kaneohe
 27 Neighborhood Board, the Chair of the Waimanalo Neighborhood
 28 Board, the Chair of the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board, the Chair
 29 of the Kahuku Neighborhood Board, and the Board President of the
 30 Institute for Human Services.

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