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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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, that the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, the  
15 Director of Human Services, Department of Community Services of  
16 the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Land Management  
17 of the City and County of Honolulu, the Kailua Neighborhood  
18 Board, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, the Waimanalo  
19 Neighborhood Board, the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board, the Kahuku  
20 Neighborhood Board, the Institute for Human Services, the local  
21 business community, and appropriate non-profit organizations are  
22 urged to work together to develop strategies to limit  
23 homelessness and assist the existing homeless individuals in  
24 Windward Oahu; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's Coordinator on  
28 Homelessness, the Director of Human Services, Director of the  
29 Department of Community Services of the City and County of  
30 Honolulu, Director of the Department of Land Management of the  
31 City and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood  
32 Board, the Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, Chair of the  
33 Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, Chair of the Koolauloa  
34 Neighborhood Board, Chair of the Kahuku Neighborhood Board, and  
35 Board President of the Institute for Human Services.

