
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU TO AFFIRM THE SAFE ACCESS OAHU PROGRAM WILL NOT BE
UNNECESSARILY EXTENDED BEYOND THE MARCH 5, 2022, SUNSET
DATE.

1 WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, pursuant to Order No.
2 2021-15, the Safe Access Oahu program went into effect in the
3 City and County of Honolulu to mitigate the high rate of
4 COVID-19 Delta variant infections on Oahu; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Safe Access Oahu program requires all
7 employees, contractors, and volunteers at businesses such as
8 restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, arcades, and other
9 similar establishments to show proof of full vaccination against
10 COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test result each week in order
11 to operate; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Safe Access Oahu program also requires all
14 customers, except those twelve years of age or younger, to show
15 proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test taken
16 within the previous forty-eight hours in order to enter the
17 establishment; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Safe Access Oahu program was to remain in
20 effect for sixty days and cease on November 13, 2021; and

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22 WHEREAS, on January 5, 2022, in response to the rise of
23 infections from the Omicron variant of COVID-19, Mayor Rick
24 Blangiardi issued Proclamation and Emergency Order No. 2022-01
25 (Order No. 2022-01), which retroactively extended the
26 restrictions imposed by the Safe Access Oahu program through
27 December 1, 2021; and

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29 WHEREAS, the restrictions imposed by the Safe Access Oahu
30 program are to continue through the sixty-day emergency period



established by Order No. 2022-01 that began on January 5, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, as of January 4, 2022, seventy-eight percent of
the population of the City and County of Honolulu has received
two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have been one of the hardest-hit
sectors amid the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Access Oahu program has negatively
impacted Oahu's small businesses; and

WHEREAS, a 2020 Yelp survey found that nine in every one
thousand businesses in Hawaii have permanently closed, which is
one of the highest rates in the United States, while in
Honolulu, the figure was roughly eleven out of every one
thousand businesses; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Hawaii businesses were on the brink of
closure during the early days of the pandemic and faced further
setbacks as the result of the rise in COVID-19 variant
infections; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Access Oahu program expired on March 5,
2022; and

WHEREAS, however, repeated extensions and retroactive
application of the Safe Access Oahu program created confusion
and placed undue burdens on local enterprises; and

WHEREAS, broad and indefinite extensions of emergency
proclamations by the Mayor and Governor may be abused and can
cause confusion and distrust amongst the public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2022, that the Governor and Mayor of the City and County of
Honolulu are requested to affirm the Safe Access Oahu program
will not be unnecessarily extended beyond the March 5, 2022,
sunset date; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Mayor of the City
3 and County of Honolulu.
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OFFERED BY:

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