



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1337**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2512 HD2 SD2 CD2

RELATING TO OHANA ZONES.  
**ACT 235**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 01 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 235**  
**H.B. NO.** 2512  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO OHANA ZONES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness remains  
2 a chronic issue in Hawaii. The legislature further finds that  
3 the ohana zones pilot program, established under Act 209,  
4 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, and Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii  
5 2019, has thus far been effective at serving its intended  
6 purpose of providing housing and critical services to the  
7 State's homeless population. This pilot program, however, is  
8 set to expire on June 30, 2023.

9 The legislature also finds that on December 6, 2018, the  
10 governor issued an emergency proclamation related to  
11 homelessness for establishing long-term housing, temporary  
12 shelter, and services to divert homeless individuals from  
13 frequent utilization of the health care and criminal justice  
14 systems, and to facilitate contracting for these programs,  
15 housing, shelter, and services. The emergency proclamation,  
16 which was followed by supplementary proclamations, has since  
17 ended. However, the legislature finds that the housing and



1 homeless crisis in the State, which was exacerbated during the  
2 coronavirus 2019 pandemic, persists. The expansion of  
3 regulatory exemptions for ohana zones pilot program contracts is  
4 therefore needed to enable the State to address the immediate  
5 temporary housing and service needs of individuals experiencing  
6 homelessness.

7 The purpose of this Act is to improve the health and well-  
8 being of individuals experiencing homelessness and provide these  
9 individuals with needed services through the ohana zones pilot  
10 program by:

- 11 (1) Permitting persons receiving accommodations or  
12 services from an ohana zone site to request a ninety-  
13 day extension of the accommodations or services;
- 14 (2) Exempting the ohana zones pilot program from certain  
15 statutory requirements contained in the governor's  
16 emergency proclamation of December 14, 2018, relating  
17 to homelessness, as those exemptions have since  
18 lapsed;
- 19 (3) Extending the ohana zones pilot program to June 30,  
20 2026; and



1 (4) Appropriating funds for the pilot program for fiscal  
2 year 2022-2023.

3 SECTION 2. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018,  
4 section 3, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,  
5 section 1, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as  
6 follows:

7 "(d) The ohana zones pilot program may provide the  
8 following facilities and services at each ohana zone site:

9 (1) Secure dwelling spaces that:

10 (A) May be private or communal;

11 (B) Have access to toilets, showers, and other  
12 hygiene facilities; and

13 (C) Have access to an area for food storage and meal  
14 preparation;

15 (2) Medical and social support services; and

16 (3) Transportation to appointments related to medical care  
17 or supportive services that are not available  
18 onsite[-];

19 provided that a person receiving accommodations or services from  
20 an ohana zone site may request a ninety-day extension of the  
21 person's receipt of accommodations or services, subject to



1 approval by the applicable ohana zone site and other eligibility  
2 criteria as determined by each ohana zone site."

3 SECTION 3. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section  
4 4, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, section  
5 1, is amended as follows:

6 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7 "(a) Contracts entered into by the agencies designated by  
8 the governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program shall be  
9 exempt from the requirements of chapters 6E, excluding section  
10 6E-43.6; 46, excluding sections 46-1.5(5)(D), 46-  
11 1.5(14)(A)(iii), 46-88(c)(5), and 46-88(j); 103D [~~and~~]; 103F[~~τ~~];  
12 and 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes[~~τ~~]; provided that no contract  
13 entered into pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program or  
14 structures constructed thereunder shall be exempt from county,  
15 state, or federal floodplain management development standards,  
16 or statutes, codes, ordinances, rules, or regulations with which  
17 compliance is required under the National Flood Insurance  
18 Program."

19 2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

20 "(f) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,  
21 [~~2023-~~] 2026."



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$15,000,000 or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
4 the ohana zones pilot program established pursuant to Act 209,  
5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws  
6 of Hawaii 2019, including expenses relating to staffing,  
7 facility construction, provision of services, and administrative  
8 costs.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
10 governor for the purposes of this Act; provided that the  
11 governor shall transfer the expenditure authority to designated  
12 executive branch departments or agencies within a reasonable  
13 time.

14 The appropriation made by this Act for fiscal year 2022-  
15 2023 for the office of the governor shall not lapse at the end  
16 of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made; provided  
17 that all moneys from the appropriation that are unencumbered as  
18 of June 30, 2025, shall lapse as of that date.

19 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governor  
20 may transfer all or a portion of the appropriation in this  
21 section to the governor's designated executive branch agencies



1 for expenditures incurred in implementing the ohana zones pilot  
2 program.

3 The governor's designated executive branch agencies may  
4 expend any appropriation transferred pursuant to this section  
5 for the performance of its duties under the ohana zones pilot  
6 program.

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

APPROVED this 1st day of July , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 5, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



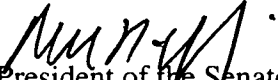
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives




**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 5, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate