
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 purposes 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 purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Extend the ohana zones pilot program's sunset date by
11 five years, to June 30, 2028;
- 12 (2) Upon expiration of the ohana zones pilot program on
13 June 30, 2028, establish an ohana zones program within
14 the Hawaii public housing authority as part of its
15 rental assistance programs; and
- 16 (3) Appropriate moneys for the extension of the ohana
17 zones pilot program and expenses related to facility



1 construction, renovation, and maintenance; provision
2 of services and staffing; and administrative costs.

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,
4 section 4, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,
5 section 1, is amended to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 4. (a) Contracts entered into by the agencies
7 designated by the governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot
8 program shall be exempt from the requirements of chapters 103D
9 and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 (b) The agencies designated by the governor shall
11 establish no later than December 31, 2018, the following:

- 12 (1) The criteria that the agencies will use to evaluate
13 potential ohana zone locations;
- 14 (2) A monthly timetable of milestones that the agencies
15 expect to meet in establishing one or more ohana zones
16 over the course of the three-year pilot program;
- 17 (3) The specific, measurable, attainable, reasonable, and
18 time-based performance measures that the agencies
19 expect to meet at the end of each fiscal year;



1 (4) The evaluation criteria and process that the agencies
2 intend to use each year when reviewing the success and
3 sustainability of the ohana zones; and

4 (5) The monitoring and oversight controls that the
5 agencies will have over the ohana zones to identify,
6 address, and prevent possible fraud, waste, and abuse
7 and ensure compliance with local, state, and federal
8 laws.

9 (c) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall
10 compile and consolidate information from the agencies designated
11 by the governor to effectuate this part and submit reports to
12 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
13 of the regular sessions of [~~2020, 2021, and 2022.~~] 2023, 2024,
14 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

15 [~~(d) The report submitted no later than twenty days prior~~
16 ~~to the convening of the regular session of 2020 shall include~~
17 ~~the following information:~~

18 ~~(1) A summary and explanation of the process that the~~
19 ~~agencies designated by the governor pursuant to the~~
20 ~~ohana zones pilot program engaged in to identify~~
21 ~~possible ohana zone locations; and~~



1 ~~(2) A summary of the information required under subsection~~

2 ~~(b).~~

3 ~~(e)]~~ (d) The reports submitted no later than twenty days

4 prior to the convening of the regular sessions of [~~2021 and~~

5 ~~2022]~~ 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 shall include the

6 following information:

7 (1) The milestones established pursuant to subsection (b)

8 that were met by the agencies designated by the

9 governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program and

10 ohana zones established during the fiscal year;

11 (2) An evaluation of the ohana zones to determine whether

12 the objectives set have been met or exceeded;

13 (3) Any proposed changes that need to be made to the

14 performance measures used to assess the achievement of

15 program goals; and

16 (4) An assessment of the impact of the ohana zone model on

17 the homelessness problem in Hawaii.

18 ~~(f)]~~ (e) The pilot program shall cease to exist on

19 June 30, [~~2023.~~] 2028."

20 SECTION 4. (a) Upon the June 30, 2028, expiration of the

21 ohana zones pilot program, established pursuant to Act 209,



1 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2019, and as amended further by sections 2 and 3 of
3 this Act, there shall be established an ohana zones program
4 within the Hawaii public housing authority's rental assistance
5 programs for administrative and funding purposes.

6 (b) The ohana zones program established pursuant to this
7 section shall provide temporary housing and services to homeless
8 individuals and families based on principles similar to the
9 housing first program, and shall be substantially similar to the
10 pilot program established pursuant to Act 209, Session Laws of
11 Hawaii 2018, as amended by Act 128, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,
12 and as amended further by sections 2 and 3 of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Governor; Homelessness; Housing; Ohana Zones Pilot Program; HPHA

Description:

Extends the sunset date of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program from 6/30/2023 to 6/30/2028. Establishes an Ohana Zones Program within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority upon expiration of the pilot program. (SD2)

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