HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PERFORM A STUDY ON THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF IT IS ALLOCATING ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR EACH REGION OF OAHU FOR HOMELESS SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, the 2022 Point in Time Count for Oahu was conducted from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on March 10, 2022, which asked, in part, individuals where they had slept on the night of 3 4 March 9, 2022; and 5 WHEREAS, the Point in Time Count for Oahu divided the 6 7 island into seven geographic regions: 8 9 (1)Region 1: Downtown Honolulu, Kalihi, and Nuuanu; 10 11 (2) Region 2: East Honolulu; 12 Region 3: Ewa, Kapolei; 13 (3) 14 (4)Region 4: Kaneohe to Waimanalo; 15 16 (5) Region 5: Wahiawa to the North Shore; 17 18 (6) Region 6: Upper Windward; and 19 20 (7) Region 7: Waianae Coast; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, according to the 2022 Point in Time Count for Cahu, 424 individuals (395 adults and 29 children; 261 24 individuals were observed and 163 individuals were surveyed) 25 26 were experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the Waianae Coast; 27 and 28

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WHEREAS, this number represents 18 percent of the total number of 2,355 individuals on Oahu who were experiencing unsheltered homelessness on March 9, 2022, which is the thirdhighest percentage on Oahu, surpassed only by Region 1 (26 percent, or 622 individuals) and Region 2 (24 percent, or 575 individuals); and

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WHEREAS, in Region 7, 57 percent, or 82, of surveyed adults were chronically homeless individuals; and

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WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that the Homeless Programs Office, which is part of the Department of Human Services, allocates adequate funding for each region of Oahu for homeless services; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human Services is requested to perform a study on the Homeless Programs Office to determine if it is allocating adequate funding for each region of Oahu for homeless services; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purposes of this study, the regions of Oahu be delineated pursuant to the 2022 Point in Time Count for Oahu; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services shall submit the results of its study, including any findings and recommendations, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

OFFERED BY: ____

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