
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S CRISIS OUTREACH
RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE REGULAR CARE AND
SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE
CENTRAL OAHU, NORTH SHORE, LEEWARD, AND WINDWARD REGIONS OF
OAHU ON A REGULAR ROTATING SCHEDULE.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is a complex and multi-faceted issue
2 that requires planning, coordination, and implementation across
3 state, county, business, local, and community lines; and
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5 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu established the
6 Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program in October 2021
7 to provide services to Oahu's unsheltered population, responding
8 to crisis calls that are non-violent and do not require emergent
9 medical assistance; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement
12 Program's response team includes emergency medical technicians
13 and community health workers trained in relationship building,
14 extending compassion, problem-solving, and crisis prevention
15 intervention; and
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17 WHEREAS, once the identified crisis is addressed, the
18 Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program also deploys a
19 participant-centered follow-up routine that includes continual
20 assessment of participants' needs and linkage to community
21 resources when necessary; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement
24 Program has initially focused on Honolulu's urban core,
25 stretching from Chinatown to Waikiki, but has slowly expanded
26 and responded to calls in other parts of Oahu; and
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28 WHEREAS, although local government agencies, non-profit
29 service providers, and other private sector organizations have
30 diligently and successfully assisted homeless individuals, the



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1 number of individuals and families on Oahu has not significantly
2 decreased; and

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4 WHEREAS, because homelessness has been a rising concern
5 among residents islandwide, expanding the reach of the Crisis
6 Outreach Response and Engagement Program throughout Oahu may
7 prove effective in supporting individuals experiencing
8 homelessness and addressing residents' concerns about Oahu's
9 homeless population; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2023, that the City and County of Honolulu's Crisis
14 Outreach Response and Engagement Program is urged to provide
15 regular care and services to individuals experiencing
16 homelessness in the Central Oahu, North Shore, Leeward, and
17 Windward regions of Oahu on a regular rotating schedule; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
21 Honolulu and Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services
22 Department.

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OFFERED BY:

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