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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE INEQUITABLE LOCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES AND CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES ACROSS THE ISLAND OF OAHU.

WHEREAS, mental health facilities and clean and sober homes are inequitably located across the island of Oahu, with a large number of facilities and homes along the Waianae coast; and

WHEREAS, the large number of mental health facilities and clean and sober homes along Oahu's Waianae coast has caused individuals struggling with mental health issues and substance use problems to be referred to services along the Waianae coast from other areas of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, due to these factors, residents living along the Waianae coast have urged the government to increase access to mental health facilities and clean and sober homes more evenly across the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to recognize and address the inequitable locating of mental health facilities and clean and sober homes across the island of Oahu, particularly the prevalence of these facilities and homes along the Waianae coast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

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