HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO.142

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF FRAUDULENT CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, a clean and sober home is a small group living 1 2 space for persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, clean and sober homes are a critical strategy to assist an individual's recovery from substance use disorders by 6 providing a stable independent environment free of alcohol and 7 drugs to support and sustain the recovery process; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, however, there is a concern that some operators of clean and sober homes take in clients but do not provide 11 adequate services to the client, or sometimes do not provide any 12 services to the client, despite billing the client's insurance 13 provider for these services; and 14 15 WHEREAS, there is a further concern that residents of these 16 fraudulent clean and sober homes then leave the clean and sober 17 18 home, either voluntarily or because they have been forced out, and become homeless; and 19 20 21 WHEREAS, fraudulent operators of clean and sober homes pose 22 a serious risk to persons recovering from substance abuse and can negatively impact the communities in which these homes are 23 located; now, therefore, 24 25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 27 Session of 2024, that the Department of Health is requested to 28 29 conduct a study to identify the number of fraudulent clean and sober homes in the State; and 30 31



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the study the Department of Health is requested to identify how fraudulent 2 clean and sober homes contribute to the homeless crisis faced by 3 the State; and 4 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is 6 requested to submit a report of its findings and 7 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 8 9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health. 13 14 15 OFFERED BY: Ce 16

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