
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOMELESS COORDINATORS OF EACH COUNTY, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue in the State,
2 directly impacting the lives of the 4,494 individuals currently
3 experiencing homelessness and the well-being of their
4 communities; and

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6 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the public
7 health and safety concerns related to homeless individuals with
8 mental health or substance abuse issues, which increase the
9 negative interactions with the public, including kupuna and
10 keiki; and

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12 WHEREAS, homeless individuals residing in, on, or
13 immediately adjacent to freshwater ways that lead to the ocean
14 pose significant human and environmental risks, including
15 through contamination of water sources and harm to marine life;
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18 WHEREAS, trash and stolen shopping carts used by or left
19 behind by homeless individuals contribute to environmental
20 pollution and urban blight, further complicating efforts to
21 maintain clean and safe communities; and

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23 WHEREAS, there are safety concerns associated with homeless
24 individuals domiciled or encamped at bus stops or immediately in
25 front of businesses or residences, which can affect public
26 safety and access to services; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is a need to help homeless individuals get
2 connected with necessary supportive services to improve their
3 well-being and stability; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is continued support for the State's Kauhale
6 Initiative to increase emergency and transitional homeless
7 shelters, bridge programs, and permanent supportive housing; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing
10 Solutions, Department of Law Enforcement, county-level homeless
11 coordinators, county law enforcement, and social services
12 providers are vital stakeholders in addressing homelessness;
13 now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Statewide Office on
18 Homelessness and Housing Solutions, Department of Law
19 Enforcement, homeless coordinators of each county, county law
20 enforcement, and social services providers are requested to work
21 collaboratively and effectively to address homelessness in
22 Hawaii; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in collaborating to address
25 homelessness in Hawaii, the Statewide Office on Homelessness and
26 Housing Solutions, Department of Law Enforcement, homeless
27 coordinators of each county, county law enforcement, and social
28 services providers are requested to:
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- 30 (1) Prioritize the protection of human and environmental
31 health by taking measures to prevent homeless
32 encampments in, on, or immediately adjacent to
33 freshwater ways that lead to the ocean;
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- 35 (2) Address the impact of trash and stolen shopping carts
36 used by or left behind by homeless individuals,
37 working to mitigate environmental pollution and urban
38 blight;
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- 40 (3) Address the safety concerns associated with homeless
41 individuals domiciled or encamped at bus stops, or



- 1 immediately in front of businesses or residences,
2 ensuring public safety and access to services;
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- 4 (4) Facilitate access to necessary supportive services for
5 homeless individuals to aid in their recovery and
6 reintegration into society; and
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- 8 (5) Support the State's Kauhale Initiative to expand
9 emergency and transitional homeless shelters, bridge
10 programs, and permanent supportive housing to meet the
11 diverse needs of the homeless population; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's
15 Coordinator on Homelessness; Director of Law Enforcement; Police
16 Chiefs of the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Police
17 Department, Maui Police Department, and Kauai Police Department;
18 Homeless Coordinators of the City and County of Honolulu;
19 Housing Administrator of the Office of Housing and Community
20 Development of the County of Hawaii; Director of Human Concerns
21 of the County of Maui; Housing Agency Homeless Coordinator of
22 the County of Kauai; Executive Director of The Institute for
23 Human Services, Inc.; Executive Director of Partners In Care;
24 and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Bridging the Gap
25 Hawaii.

