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GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1410

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 7, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 943, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,  
C.D. 1

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.  
**ACT 299**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 7 2025

# ACT 299

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 943  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Alcohol and drug abuse division; homeless triage  
5 and treatment center program; establishment. (a) The

6 department shall establish a homeless triage and treatment  
7 center program within the alcohol and drug abuse division that  
8 focuses on serving homeless individuals and individuals at risk  
9 of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness.

10 (b) The homeless triage and treatment center program  
11 shall:

12 (1) Provide access to emergency food, shelter, housing  
13 navigation, and supportive services;

14 (2) Collaborate with existing homeless outreach and case  
15 management services;

16 (3) Provide medical assessments;



1       (4) Provide substance abuse treatment and detoxification  
2       services;

3       (5) Provide behavioral health services; and

4       (6) Provide trauma-informed, cultural-based life skills  
5       groups for participants to maximize engagement and  
6       retention.

7       (c) The alcohol and drug abuse division shall work in  
8       cooperation with local hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, law  
9       enforcement agencies, and homeless service providers in  
10      establishing the homeless triage and treatment center program.

11      (d) The alcohol and drug abuse division may contract with  
12      facilities that provide comprehensive triage services to  
13      homeless individuals suffering from substance abuse issues or  
14      mental illness to carry out the homeless triage and treatment  
15      center program."

16      SECTION 2. Section 334-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17      amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18      "(a) There shall be established within the department a  
19      crisis intervention and diversion services program to redirect  
20      persons, including homeless persons, experiencing mental health  
21      disorders and co-occurring mental health and substance use



1 disorders who are at risk for involvement, or currently  
2 involved, with the criminal justice system to the appropriate  
3 health care system and services. The program may include  
4 intensive mobile outreach services. The department shall  
5 collaborate with law enforcement agencies, courts, mental health  
6 providers, and the community for the execution and  
7 implementation of these services. Any appropriation for the  
8 crisis intervention and diversion services program shall be used  
9 only for services contracted directly between the department and  
10 the service provider."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
15 2026-2027 to implement this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



H.B. NO.

943  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 7th day of July, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 943, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

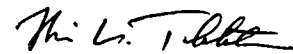
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




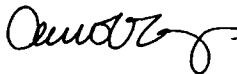
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate