
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED, PLACE-BASED STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE NEEDS ON THE WAIANAЕ COAST.

1 WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Point in Time Count, there
2 have been significant increases in the number of homeless
3 individuals and in the number of unsheltered individuals on Oahu
4 since 2023; and

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6 WHEREAS, of the 4,494 persons experiencing homelessness on
7 Oahu on January 22, 2024, the largest concentration of homeless
8 individuals was on the Waianae Coast, over half of whom were
9 classified as chronically homeless; and

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11 WHEREAS, despite having the highest concentration of
12 homeless individuals on Oahu, there are only six shelter
13 programs operating in the Waianae Coast region; and

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15 WHEREAS, behavioral health and substance use disorders are
16 among the leading causes of homelessness for individuals on Oahu
17 and should be a core component of any effort to address
18 homelessness on the Waianae Coast; and

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20 WHEREAS, developing a unified, intergovernmental plan would
21 ensure shared priorities, improved coordination of services,
22 more efficient use of resources, and better outcomes for
23 individuals experiencing homelessness and behavioral health
24 crises on the Waianae Coast; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of



1 Honolulu and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing
2 Solutions are requested to develop a coordinated, place-based
3 strategic action plan to address behavioral health and
4 homelessness response needs on the Waianae coast; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic action plan is
7 requested to include:

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- 9 (1) An analysis of behavioral health related emergency
10 calls and response times;
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12 (2) An evaluation of emergency room utilization related to
13 psychiatric crises originating from the Waianae Coast;
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15 (3) An assessment of current crisis stabilization bed
16 capacity and diversion resources;
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18 (4) Identification of high-need geographic zones and
19 service gaps;
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21 (5) An evaluation of coordination between outreach teams,
22 behavioral health providers, and first responders;
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24 (6) A feasibility analysis of establishing a regional
25 crisis stabilization or triage center, including
26 potential sites, partnership models, and funding
27 sources; and
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29 (7) Identification of statutory or budgetary changes
30 necessary to improve outcomes; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
33 and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are
34 requested to engage with community-based service providers
35 serving the Waianae Coast region when developing the strategic
36 action plan; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
39 and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are
40 requested to submit a report of their findings and
41 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2027; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's
6 Coordinator on Homelessness and Homeless Coordinator for the
7 City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:



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