
HOUSE 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, that the City and County of Honolulu and Statewide
29 Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are requested to
30 develop a coordinated, place-based strategic action plan to



1 address behavioral health and homelessness response needs on the
2 Waianae coast; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic action plan is
5 requested to include:

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7 (1) An analysis of behavioral health related emergency
8 calls and response times;
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10 (2) An evaluation of emergency room utilization related to
11 psychiatric crises originating from the Waianae Coast;
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13 (3) An assessment of current crisis stabilization bed
14 capacity and diversion resources;
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16 (4) Identification of high-need geographic zones and
17 service gaps;
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19 (5) An evaluation of coordination between outreach teams,
20 behavioral health providers, and first responders;
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22 (6) A feasibility analysis of establishing a regional
23 crisis stabilization or triage center, including
24 potential sites, partnership models, and funding
25 sources; and
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27 (7) Identification of statutory or budgetary changes
28 necessary to improve outcomes; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
31 and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are
32 requested to engage with community-based service providers
33 serving the Waianae Coast region when developing the strategic
34 action plan; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
37 and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are
38 requested to submit a report of their findings and
39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
40 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the Regular Session of 2027; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's Coordinator on
3 Homelessness and Homeless Coordinator for the City and County of
4 Honolulu.
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