
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING FIRST PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES TO COMBAT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

1 WHEREAS, people experiencing chronic homelessness are
2 Hawaii's most vulnerable community members, and are the least
3 likely of the homeless population to reach independent living;
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6 WHEREAS, persons experiencing chronic homelessness comprise
7 over 26 percent of the homeless population in Hawaii, but
8 require more than 50 percent of the resources allocated to
9 combat homelessness; and

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11 WHEREAS, hospital and emergency room visits, police
12 interventions, and periods of incarceration for the chronically
13 homeless who suffer from physical and mental disabilities may
14 cost Hawaii between \$35,000 and \$150,000 per person each year;
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17 WHEREAS, research has shown that providing permanent
18 supportive housing can result in significant cost savings for
19 Hawaii; and

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21 WHEREAS, research studies across the country indicate that
22 85 percent of people experiencing chronic homelessness who move
23 into permanent supportive housing stabilize and maintain that
24 housing; and

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26 WHEREAS, a number of communities implementing housing first
27 programs are seeing reductions in the chronic homeless
28 population; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
31 permanent supportive housing and housing first programs; and



1 WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 212, Session Laws of
2 Hawaii 2010, which created a housing first special fund and
3 created a process for implementing housing first programs and
4 services; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
9 support and encourage further implementation of housing first
10 programs and services as soon as possible, as a key strategy in
11 ending chronic homelessness of the most vulnerable individuals
12 in Hawaii; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the
16 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
17 Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
18 Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on
19 Homelessness, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President of the
20 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chair of the
21 Senate Committee on Human Services, Governor's Coordinator on
22 Homelessness, Director of Human Services, and Executive Director
23 of the Waikiki Health Center; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Senate
26 Committee on Human Services is requested to transmit copies of
27 this Concurrent Resolution to the following organizations:
28 Department of Agriculture; Department of Accounting and General
29 Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of
30 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of
31 Defense; Department of Health; Department of Hawaiian Home
32 Lands; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department
33 of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks;
34 Department of Public Safety; Hawaii Public Housing Authority;
35 Hawaii Community Development Authority; Hawaii Housing Finance
36 and Development Corporation; Department of Health, Adult Mental
37 Health Division and Family Health Services Division; Homeless
38 Programs Office; City and County of Honolulu Department of
39 Community Services; County of Hawaii Office of Housing and
40 Community Development; County of Kauai Housing Agency; County of
41 Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns; Honolulu City
42 Council; Hawaii County Council; Kauai County Council; Maui
43 County Council; The Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance;
44 Catholic Charities Hawaii; Central Union Church; Chinatown

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1 Business and Community Association; Faith Action for Community
2 Equity; Family Promise of Hawaii; Hale Kipa, Inc.; Hawaii
3 Helping the Hungry Have Hope; Hawaii Injured Workers Alliance;
4 Hawaiian Community Assets; Hawaiian Hope; Hina Mauka; HOPE
5 Services Hawaii, Inc.; The Institute for Human Services; Maui
6 Economic Opportunity, Inc.; Partners in Care; Partners in
7 Development Foundation; The Plumeria Hostel; Punahou Ridge
8 Corporation Ltd.; Sand Island Business Association; Shelter of
9 Wisdom; St. Stephen Diocesan Center of the Roman Catholic
10 Diocese in Honolulu; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Waianae Community
11 Outreach; Waikiki Health Center; and Waimanalo Health Center.

