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# 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 twenty-six percent of the homeless population in Hawaii,  
8 but require more than fifty percent of the resources allocated  
9 to 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 eighty-five percent of people experiencing chronic homelessness  
23 who move into permanent supportive housing stabilize and  
24 maintain that 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  
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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 a key strategy in ending the chronic  
11 homelessness of the most vulnerable individuals in Hawaii; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the  
15 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
16 Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on  
17 Homelessness, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President of the  
18 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chair of the  
19 Senate Committee on Human Services, Governor's Coordinator on  
20 Homelessness, Director of Human Services, and Executive Director  
21 of the Waikiki Health Center; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Senate  
24 Committee on Human Services is requested to transmit copies of  
25 this Concurrent Resolution to the following organizations:  
26 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;  
27 United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Department of  
28 Agriculture; Department of Accounting and General Services;  
29 Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business,  
30 Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Defense;  
31 Department of Health; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;  
32 Department of Human Services; Department of Labor and Industrial  
33 Relations; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of  
34 State Parks; Department of Public Safety; Hawaii Public Housing  
35 Authority; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Hawaii  
36 Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Department of  
37 Health, Adult Mental Health Division and Family Health Services  
38 Division; Homeless Programs Office; City and County of Honolulu  
39 Department of Community Services; County of Hawaii Office of  
40 Housing and Community Development; County of Kauai Housing  
41 Agency; County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns;  
42 Honolulu City Council; Hawaii County Council; Kauai County  
43 Council; Maui County Council; The Affordable Housing and  
44 Homeless Alliance; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Central Union



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

