
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is
2 amended as follows:
3 1. By amending section 3 to read:
4 "SECTION 3. (a) There is established the ohana zones
5 pilot program to provide temporary housing and services to
6 homeless individuals and families based on principles similar to
7 the housing first program.
8 (b) The governor shall designate executive branch agencies
9 to develop and implement the ohana zones pilot program,
10 including an agency with specific expertise in construction
11 development and an agency with specific expertise in
12 administering homeless services. The governor, through the
13 governor's designated agencies, shall determine the number and
14 locations of the ohana zones, which shall be situated on public
15 or private lands[7] in accordance with subsection (c); provided
16 that the designated agencies shall identify at least three sites



1 on Oahu and one site on each of the islands of Hawaii, Kauai,
2 and Maui.

3 (c) The agencies designated pursuant to subsection (b) may
4 coordinate with public or private entities, as appropriate, to
5 develop and implement the ohana zones pilot program; provided
6 that:

7 (1) ~~[(1)]~~ If any public land under the jurisdiction of a
8 state or county agency is determined to be suitable for use as
9 an ohana zone, the designated agencies shall:

10 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) Work with the appropriate state or county agency
11 that controls the land to transfer the land designated
12 for use as an ohana zone to an agency whose mission is
13 more suited to the management of ohana zones; and

14 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) Work with the appropriate state or county agency
15 that controls the land and its construction agency to
16 ensure that an ohana zone's infrastructure needs are
17 met and minimize adverse impacts to the environment,
18 including to nearshore resources such as corals, reef
19 fish, and seabirds~~[-]~~; and



- 1 (2) Use of any private lands determined to be suitable for
2 use as an ohana zone shall be for limited purposes and
3 require the following:
- 4 (A) A memorandum of understanding between the private
5 land owner and any state or county department
6 that any structure built with public funds may be
7 moved or is temporary; or
- 8 (B) A partnership between the State and the private
9 landowner.
- 10 (d) The ohana zones pilot program may provide the
11 following facilities and services at each ohana zone site:
- 12 (1) Secure dwelling spaces that:
- 13 (A) May be private or communal;
- 14 (B) Have access to toilets, showers, and other
15 hygiene facilities; and
- 16 (C) Have access to an area for food storage and meal
17 preparation;
- 18 (2) Medical and social support services; and
- 19 (3) Transportation to appointments related to medical care
20 or supportive services that are not available onsite."
- 21 2. By amending section 4 to read:



1 "SECTION 4. (a) Contracts entered into by the agencies
2 designated by the governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot
3 program shall be exempt from the requirements of chapters 103D
4 and 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5 (b) The agencies designated by the governor shall
6 establish no later than December 31, 2018, the following:

7 (1) The criteria that the agencies will use to evaluate
8 potential ohana zone locations;

9 (2) A monthly timetable of milestones that the agencies
10 expect to meet in establishing one or more ohana zones
11 over the course of the three-year pilot program;

12 (3) The specific, measurable, attainable, reasonable, and
13 time-based performance measures that the agencies
14 expect to meet at the end of each fiscal year;

15 (4) The evaluation criteria and process that the agencies
16 intend to use each year when reviewing the success and
17 sustainability of the ohana zones; and

18 (5) The monitoring and oversight controls that the
19 agencies will have over the ohana zones to identify,
20 address, and prevent possible fraud, waste, and abuse



1 and ensure compliance with local, state, and federal
2 laws.

3 (c) The governor's coordinator on homelessness shall
4 compile and consolidate information from the agencies designated
5 by the governor to effectuate this part and submit reports to
6 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
7 of the regular sessions of 2019, 2020, and 2021.

8 (d) The report submitted no later than twenty days prior
9 to the convening of the regular session of 2019 shall include
10 the following information:

11 (1) A summary and explanation of the process that the
12 agencies designated by the governor pursuant to the
13 ohana zones pilot program engaged in to identify
14 possible ohana zone locations; and

15 (2) A summary of the information required under subsection
16 (b).

17 (e) The reports submitted no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2020 and 2021 shall
19 include the following information:

20 (1) The milestones established pursuant to subsection (b)
21 that were met by the agencies designated by the



1 governor pursuant to the ohana zones pilot program and
2 ohana zones established during the fiscal year;

3 (2) An evaluation of the ohana zones to determine whether
4 the objectives set have been met or exceeded;

5 (3) Any proposed changes that need to be made to the
6 performance measures used to assess the achievement of
7 program goals; and

8 (4) An assessment of the impact of the ohana zone model on
9 the homelessness problem in Hawaii.

10 (f) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
11 [~~2021~~] 2022.

12 3. By amending section 7 to read:

13 "SECTION 7. (a) There is established within the
14 department of human services a pilot program to be known as the
15 emergency department homelessness assessment pilot program. The
16 department of human services, in consultation with the Hawaii
17 interagency council on homelessness and any other appropriate
18 agency, shall serve as the administrator of the pilot program.

19 (b) The pilot program shall consist of multidisciplinary
20 teams composed of but not limited to physicians, advanced
21 practice registered nurses, social workers, and patient



1 navigators who are employed by a participating hospital in the
2 participating hospital's emergency department. The
3 multidisciplinary team shall:

- 4 (1) Identify patients who are experiencing homelessness or
5 patients at risk of experiencing homelessness and have
6 high utilization of emergency department services;
- 7 (2) Assess the patient's current circumstances; and
- 8 (3) Coordinate and refer these patients to appropriate and
9 available wrap-around supports and community resources
10 along the entire continuum of care with a goal of
11 reducing costs associated with chronic use of hospital
12 emergency departments.

13 (c) The department of human services shall work with the
14 participating hospital under the emergency department
15 homelessness assessment pilot program to collect and analyze
16 data to be included in a report that contains a summary and
17 explanation of the data regarding the efficacy of emergency
18 department intervention by the multidisciplinary team in
19 mitigating the number of unnecessary emergency department visits
20 by patients experiencing homelessness or patients at risk of
21 experiencing homelessness. The report shall contain findings



1 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for
2 continuation, modification, or termination of the pilot program.
3 The department of human services shall submit the report to the
4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of [~~2019-~~] 2020.

6 (d) The department of human services shall be exempt from
7 chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in implementing this
8 part.

9 (e) The emergency department homelessness assessment pilot
10 program shall cease to exist on June 30, [~~2019-~~] 2020."

11 4. By amending section 9 to read:

12 "SECTION 9. (a) There is established within the
13 department of human services a pilot program to be known as the
14 medical respite pilot program. The department of human
15 services, in consultation with the Hawaii interagency council on
16 homelessness and any appropriate agency, shall serve as the
17 administrator of the pilot program.

18 (b) A participating community human services provider, in
19 partnership with a hospital participating in the pilot program,
20 shall provide emergency housing for eligible individuals
21 experiencing homelessness who are discharged from the



1 participating hospital and provide, at minimum, meals, case
2 management, and medical, nursing, and psychiatric care. The
3 medical respite facilities shall comply with the department of
4 health's standards of accessibility, sanitation, and other
5 requirements, as determined by the department of health for
6 facilities of similar use.

7 (c) The department of human services shall submit a report
8 to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,
9 including any proposed legislation, regarding the pilot program
10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
11 session of [~~2019-~~] 2020.

12 (d) The department of human services shall be exempt from
13 chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in implementing this
14 part.

15 (e) The medical respite pilot program shall cease to exist
16 on June 30, [~~2019-~~] 2020."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Human Services; Housing: Shelters

Description:

Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Extends the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to June 30, 2022. Extends the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program and the Medical Respite Pilot Program to June 30, 2020. (HB257 HD1)

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