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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S CRISIS OUTREACH  
RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE REGULAR CARE AND  
SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE  
CENTRAL OAHU, NORTH SHORE, LEEWARD, AND WINDWARD REGIONS OF  
OAHU ON A REGULAR ROTATING SCHEDULE.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is a complex and multi-faceted issue  
2 that requires planning, coordination, and implementation across  
3 state, county, business, local, and community lines; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu established the  
6 Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program in October 2021  
7 to provide services to Oahu's unsheltered population, responding  
8 to crisis calls that are non-violent and do not require emergent  
9 medical assistance; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement  
12 Program's response team includes emergency medical technicians  
13 and community health workers trained in relationship building,  
14 extending compassion, problem-solving, and crisis prevention  
15 intervention; and  
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17 WHEREAS, once the identified crisis is addressed, the  
18 Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program also deploys a  
19 participant-centered follow-up routine that includes continual  
20 assessment of participants' needs and linkage to community  
21 resources when necessary; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement  
24 Program has initially focused on Honolulu's urban core,  
25 stretching from Chinatown to Waikiki, but has slowly expanded  
26 and responded to calls in other parts of Oahu; and  
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28 WHEREAS, although local government agencies, non-profit  
29 service providers, and other private sector organizations have  
30 diligently and successfully assisted homeless individuals, the



1 number of individuals and families on Oahu has not significantly  
2 decreased; and

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4 WHEREAS, because homelessness has been a rising concern  
5 among residents islandwide, expanding the reach of the Crisis  
6 Outreach Response and Engagement Program throughout Oahu may  
7 prove effective in supporting individuals experiencing  
8 homelessness and addressing residents' concerns about Oahu's  
9 homeless population; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
13 that the City and County of Honolulu's Crisis Outreach Response  
14 and Engagement Program is urged to provide regular care and  
15 services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Central  
16 Oahu, North Shore, Leeward, and Windward regions of Oahu on a  
17 regular rotating schedule; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
21 Honolulu and Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services  
22 Department.

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