

Administrative Priorities (continued)

- Ensure the Coordinated Entry System supports timely, equitable, and sustainable placements into housing.
- Enable new paths to housing for those that don't fit into existing criteria and prioritization.

Aloha

CALL EVERYONE BACK TO COMMUNITY AND ALOHA

- NIMBY-ism perpetuates homelessness, and we need every community to be part of the solution by finding space for unhoused neighbors.
- Include people with lived expertise in our community conversations and decisions, who often know the gaps in our systems and what works best.

Kauhale - Village Housing

The concept of kauhale is to quickly and cost-effectively house people experiencing homelessness while building belonging and a sense of community.

Kauhale are communal living spaces, often envisioned as tiny homes, prefabricated homes, or other modest, low-cost housing units with bathrooms and kitchens shared by multiple households. A kauhale could also be created in an existing apartment, dormitory, or office building.

The defining features of a kauhale are that it functions like a village, with people taking care of the place and each other, and that it is sustainably affordable because, over time, people depend on their community for support, rather than solely on professional services.

Our goal is to establish at least 12 kauhale in our first term, spread across the state. Every kauhale will be a partnership between government and community with state funding used to empower community champions and to fill resource gaps, rather than shouldering the full cost of kauhale construction and operation.

Governor Josh Green, M.D., is a physician, husband, and father of two who has spent his life caring for Hawai'i's families.



as a physician in missionary hospitals throughout South Africa, working with rural populations suffering from AIDS and malaria.

Upon returning to the United States, Governor Green joined the National Health Service Corps where he was deployed to be the local family physician in rural Ka'u on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Governor Green was first inspired to become a doctor while traveling in India as a young man. Confronted with immense human suffering while traveling in a third-class train car between Madras and New Delhi, he decided to pursue medicine.

After graduating with an Anthropology and Biology degree from Swarthmore College, he attended medical school at Penn State and completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh.

After medical school, Governor Green volunteered

In 2004, Governor Green decided to run for the Hawai'i State House of Representatives in an effort to bring more attention to the need for drug treatment and medical services in rural Hawai'i.

Josh served in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives from 2004 to 2008, and went on to serve in the Hawai'i State Senate from 2008 to 2018 where he chaired the Health Committee and Human Services Committee.

In 2009, he was named "Hawai'i Physician of the Year".



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Governor Green's Message:

When our unhoused neighbors have a roof over their heads, without time limits or other conditions that force them back to the streets, they are healthier – and so are our communities. That is why our team is focused on priorities that create deeply affordable spaces for the long-term healing and housing of people. Hawai'i is one of the most expensive real estate markets in the world, and creating this space will require serious investment. But these are investments that pay huge dividends: fewer trips to the emergency room, shorter hospital stays, less incarceration, better educational outcomes, and happier, healthier, more productive people. Along with resources, making room for our unhoused people requires all of us to embrace the idea of YIMBY – Yes in My Back Yard! – and we are working to build that movement, starting with ourselves.



Medical respite kauhale located steps from Governor Green's home.



By The Numbers

Hawai'i's Homeless Stats

Roughly 41 out of every 10,000 people in Hawai'i are homeless.

6,223

people experience homelessness on any given night in Hawai'i

63%

live in our communities as unsheltered neighbors

34% report being chronically homeless*

28%

are families with children

6% are veterans

National Homeless Stats

Nationally, roughly 18 out of every 10,000 people are homeless.

582,462 people experience homelessness in the United States on any given night.

40% live in our communities as unsheltered neighbors

28% are families with children

22% report being chronically homeless*

6% are veterans

* Chronically homeless in this reference notes someone (or a head of household) with a disability who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or who has experienced multiple bouts of homelessness in a three-year period.

Sources:

(Partners in Care O'ahu Continuum of Care - Point In Time Count 2023 Comprehensive Report)

(Bridging The Gap COC - Homeless Point-in-Time Count January 22, 2023)

(2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report - AHAR to Congress)

The Cost of Homelessness

According to the CDC, nationally, between 2015 and 2018, there was an annual average of 203 emergency department visits per 100 homeless individuals, compared to 42 per 100 in the housed population.

Source: (National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015–2018)

51 years is the average life expectancy of a homeless individual in Hawai'i. As a comparison, the state's average life expectancy at birth is 81 years.

Sources: (Hawai'i Homeless Health Care Hui – 2018) (CDC – National Center for Health Statistics/Hawai'i - 2020)

Medicaid in Hawai'i

As of April, Medicaid in Hawai'i has an enrollment of more than 460,000. Medicaid has covered 1/3 of Hawai'i residents and 1/2 of all keiki.

Hawai'i Medicaid Covers:
1 in 3 or 4 adults ages 19-64
5 in 10 (or 1 in 2) children
1 in 7 Medicare beneficiaries



The average per-day cost of a hospital stay in Hawai'i is \$3,014.

Hawai'i has 4.6% uninsured versus the national average of 10.4%.



Administrative Priorities

Projects and Initiatives

Expand Housing Inventory

EXPAND DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY FOR HOUSELESS INDIVIDUALS

- Increase housing vouchers available, acquire properties and convert them to deeply affordable space, and construct new affordable housing.
- Help reduce the costs and expedite review/approvals for projects that will quickly house unhoused folks, e.g., using the Governor's Homeless Emergency Proclamation.

Test New Solutions Like Kauhale

TEST INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CREATE LONG-TERM AFFORDABLE COMMUNITIES

- Create kauhale – low-cost, low-footprint, “village” housing where people support each other's healing and growth as a community.
- Partner with community groups, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, private land-owners, and counties to create homes for those experiencing homelessness in less traditional ways.

Grow Specialized Spaces

CREATE MORE SPACE FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

- Expand both clinical and community-based facilities for behavioral and mental health healing.
- Improve processes for getting people into treatment when they are unable to care for themselves.

Clear Systemic Obstacles

CLEAR THE OBSTACLES ALONG THE PATHWAY FROM STREET TO HOME

- Resource service providers to cover the true cost of services, reducing turnover and understaffing.

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