

SANCTIONED ENCAMPMENTS: PERSPECTIVES FROM HAWAII



PUBLIC OPINION: SUPPORTIVE OF SANCTIONED ENCAMPMENTS

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
State (Overall)	62%	20%	18%

Source: Honolulu Star-Advertiser (July 2018)

Hawaii Poll respondents support safe zones for homeless

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Most see homeless problem getting worse

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“I support them, but don’t want one near my home, workplace, children’s school, etc.”

“How long would it last?”

“As long as it’s temporary...”

“How much would it cost?”

“What are the rules?”

“There’s vacant public land out in the country that could be used, right?”

“How quickly can it be set up?”

“Is it safe?”

STATE'S PERSPECTIVE

State must not lose focus on programs that directly connect people to permanent housing

CASE STUDIES

- **Kaka'ako Makai** – specific geographic area where enforcement of sidewalk lodging and park closure ordinances was temporarily eliminated
- **Camp Kikaha** – sanctioned and operated by Hawaii County
- **Pu'uhonua O Waianae** – self-organized encampment not seeking assistance from local government

CASE STUDY: KAKA'AKO MAKAI ENCAMPMENT (O'AHU)



Kaka'ako Timeline

Sept. 2014	62 tents (120-130 people)
Feb. 2015	City stops enforcement in Kakaako
June 2015	183 tents (360-400 people)
Aug. 2015 – Oct. 2015	Camp dismantled

CASE STUDY: CAMP KIKAHA (HAWAII ISLAND)



Item Description	Monthly Cost
Security (24/7)	\$15,372
Portable Toilets	\$1,458
Trash Pickup	----- (In-kind)
Staffing (1.0 FTE)	\$4,316
Supplies and food	\$1,000
TOTAL MONTHLY COST	<u>\$22,146</u>

CASE STUDY: PU'UHONUA O WAI'ANAE (O'AHU)

Characteristics

- Self-Governed (e.g. leadership council and 'Captains')
- Rules (e.g. curfew, mandatory community service)
- Community support
- Outreach to other camps
- Currently in process of relocation



LESSONS LEARNED

- Cost Considerations
- Infrastructure & Design
- Governance
- Sense of Community
- Alignment with Strategic Plan



LOOKING FORWARD



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