

AH Committee

From: Monique Ibarra <Monique.Ibarra@khako.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 3:30 PM
To: AH Committee
Cc: Kate Griffiths; Stacey S. Moniz
Subject: RE: Draft shelter bill department discussion (cont'd)

KHAKO's comments:

9.37.120 Right to shelter. A. The fundamental human right to shelter is declared to exist in Maui County. This right ensures access to adequate shelter for all County residents (qualify which residents, create a mechanism to assess need? When does one become a resident?).

It is the shared obligation of the County and its agencies to respect, protect, and fulfill this right through progressively implemented measures, consistent with available resources, within an aggressive, but reasonable, time frame (define reasonable).

This section does not create any liabilities, public or private, or any vested interests, on behalf of any individual or entity as a cause of action against the County.

B. The right to shelter should include:

1. A safe place to sleep and keep one's belongings.

Any storage benefit must be clearly defined in terms of quantity of items, time of storage, and removal parameters. KHAKO has a 3 day limit to store belongings that are left behind by a former client. If they are not retrieved ALL items are disposed of. (We break our own 3 day rule all the time and allow as much time as possible but the storage time is still limited due to limited space to store).

Perhaps turn the old Safeway building in Kahului into a storage unit for the homelessness. I think the Weinberg Foundation owns the Safeway building and may be amenable to repurposing the store to storage. Perhaps retrofit it to have beds for homeless to sleep overnight, bath, and eat two meals. Offer social services during the day.

2. An ability to remain with one's partner.

Agreed but give the option to separate in shelters if needed until a shared space opens or is available. (example, if KHAKO does not have a unit for a couple, they couple is offered to come into shelter to the singles dorms and as soon as a unit is open they would get first dibs"

3. An ability to remain with one's pets.

This is a tough one. KHAKO does not allow pets but abides by the fair housing rules for service/comfort animals. We will work with a client to get an animal certified as a comfort/service animal but space is limited and usually only one animal is approved. We have had a family that needed two comfort animals and it was approved but when a third was requested (comfort animal for each family member) it was declined due to the size of the unit and the concern for the cleanliness and safety of the facility.

KHAKO takes on the liability if anyone on property is injured by a comfort animal. Concerns for children and elderly

4. Access to services necessary to stabilize one's life
and transition into supportive housing or permanent housing,

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including behavioral health, addiction treatment, and other
services.

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Aloha,

Please find the revised draft shelter bill attached for your reference.

Mahalo,
Alison