

▶ ONE STEP UP HOUSING

SHIPPING CONTAINERS CONVERTED INTO EXTREMELY LOW-COST TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THE WORKING HOMELESS ON OAHU

EXAMPLE FROM WAIMANALO



EXAMPLES FROM THE MAINLAND



On July 11th, Councilman Berg and legislative aide Evelyn Souza visited a home made of discarded office containers situated in Waimanalo that is completely "off the grid." The home pictured here on the left is mobile and can be moved anywhere and constructed in a day or so.

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HERE'S WHAT ONE LOCAL VENDOR CAN DO WITH ONE STEP UP HOUSING



Remodeled 20' shipping container has a full bathroom inside.



20' shipping container also has a kitchen and sleeping area.

No government monies are involved. This is a simple waiver to let dwelling units situated on agricultural land be off the grid and not have to hook up to city sewer and can have their water lines above ground. Details are emerging including requests to limit the waiver applicable to dwelling units that do not have sewer hook-up to five years on one's property and only permit up to ten-percent of the property to be utilized for this type of housing. Pre-fabricated, or modular homes sometimes characterized as trailers, have expanded to include recycled shipping containers that are retrofitted to be self-contained residential

units. If you want to call it workforce housing you can. Discarded shipping containers could instead be added to our landfill and the solution is recycling them making them habitable by fine tuning them to include running water with a kitchen and bathroom with flooring and ventilation besides self-produced power sources for air conditioning that can house a family of four. The resolution is being discussed and disseminated for public comment. I do not expect a vote in committee to come up before September of this year. This means public input is encouraged. The inventory for affordable rental housing is next to nothing

and current prices out of reach for many working residents without a valid residence. We are the highest in the nation at some \$1,600 per month average rent. Why not let the farmers and land owners of fallow ag land put those who want to work to work? Let's grow families instead of weeds.

I call it - "A symbiotic relationship where government gets out of the way and landowners who want to help the homeless can. The level of payment for leasing these homes is like a car payment. We are in a housing crisis and this is the most affordable type of housing on the market- but government is in the way. This is one step up housing meant to be temporary to offer instant relief without government having to pay for it. Let the good will of the private sector take a crack at the homeless crisis and see if farmers and unproductive ag land can be revived whereby everybody wins. We have so much illegal dumping too out in the countryside- and this would allow a landowner to put a unit on their property to house 24/7 security whereby for exchange for work and or shelter, this added security presence to deter farm theft and illegal dumping is a benefit for all. Let the homeless farm these 30,000 acres sitting idle on Oahu and not having to hook up to sewer for housing is the key for reviving ag lands."



Standard finishing on exterior



Deluxe finishing on exterior

LET'S GROW FAMILIES INSTEAD OF WEEDS.