
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some communities
2 have been impacted by problems associated with food distribution
3 by charitable organizations that travel to residential
4 communities and set up temporary venues to distribute food.
5 Some of the problems include traffic, parking, trespassing,
6 public urination, littering, and an increase in crime. Although
7 these charitable organizations are providing a great service to
8 those in need, the needs of the communities in which the food is
9 being distributed should also be considered.

10 The purpose of this Act is to establish minimal guidelines
11 by which food distribution centers should abide to ensure that
12 food recipients and the surrounding community are safe and
13 secure.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§321- Food distribution sites; accessibility. (a)

18 Any food distribution center shall, when establishing a



1 temporary site from which to distribute food for charitable
2 purposes, ensure that:

3 (1) Adequate parking is available for food recipients to
4 pick up food;

5 (2) Restrooms are available to food recipients;

6 (3) Distribution hours are minimally disruptive to the
7 surrounding community;

8 (4) Sites are at convenient locations, preferably in
9 commercial centers, and are easily accessible to food
10 recipients; provided that the commercial centers are
11 consulted and consent to food distribution by the food
12 distribution center; and

13 (5) Any trash resulting from the food distribution is
14 removed prior to the departure of the food
15 distribution center and the area from which the food
16 was distributed is as clean as it was upon arrival of
17 the food distribution center.

18 (b) For the purposes of this section, "food distribution
19 center" means a temporary site at which any charitable
20 organization as defined under section 467B-1, and any agencies
21 or organizations that the charitable organization collaborates
22 with, distributes food to a community."



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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Food Distribution; Accessibility; Community Safety

Description:

Requires charitable organizations to follow certain guidelines to ensure the safety of food recipients and the surrounding community.

