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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE  
LEGISLATION DETERRING THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOMELESS  
PERSONS TO HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, there are unique factors surrounding the  
2 homelessness issue given that Hawaii is an island state; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has experienced an increase in its homeless  
5 population over the past several years; and  
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7 WHEREAS, current fiscal difficulties likely foreshadow a  
8 continued increase in the homeless population as families face  
9 job losses and housing foreclosures; and  
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11 WHEREAS, a burgeoning homeless population increases the  
12 pressure on already-strained State resources, limiting the  
13 government's ability to adequately provide for those residents  
14 most in need; and  
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16 WHEREAS, it is important to consider long-term solutions to  
17 providing services for those who find themselves and their  
18 families without shelter; and  
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20 WHEREAS, it is every community's responsibility to ensure  
21 the development of an adequate and sustainable housing and  
22 social services infrastructure to support its homeless  
23 population; and  
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25 WHEREAS, homeless persons are more likely to successfully  
26 transition to permanent shelter when able to access support  
27 services near their friends and relatives; and  
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29 WHEREAS, there is evidence that other jurisdictions have  
30 chosen to purge their homeless population by transporting them  
31 to Hawaii; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's Congressional delegation is urged to introduce legislation to deter other jurisdictions from transporting homeless persons to Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and each member of Hawaii congressional delegation.

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