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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI`I, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND TOURISM TO OPEN UP THE PARKING LOT AT THE FOREIGN-TRADE  
ZONE NO. 9, FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM TO SERVE AS NIGHTTIME PARKING  
FOR WORKING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

1           WHEREAS the State of Hawai`i and its residents are  
2 suffering from a significant economic downturn; and,

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4           WHEREAS due to the current state of the economy there is an  
5 apparent lack of availability of affordable housing in the  
6 State; and,

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8           WHEREAS the foreclosures resulting from the housing  
9 collapse have further contributed to the growing population of  
10 homeless among working individuals; and,

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12           WHEREAS these individuals, while struggling to hold their  
13 lives together and keep their jobs, are faced with instability  
14 and the dangers of sleeping in their vehicles on the streets;  
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17           WHEREAS the State has a vast inventory of parking spaces  
18 and is asked to avail their parking lots from 8 pm to 6 am for  
19 the working homeless who reside in their vehicles; and,

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21           WHEREAS this will greatly benefit the working homeless by  
22 providing safety and access to services; and,

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24           WHEREAS a myriad of other States, Cities, Churches, and  
25 other organizations in the State of California, Oregon, and  
26 Texas, to name a few, have already adopted this practice with  
27 great success in helping these working individuals; and,

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29           WHEREAS the Country of Kauai is now launching this program;  
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WHEREAS, the Foreign-Trade Zone no. 9 parking lot, 521 Ala Moana Boulevard, #201 is vacant between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., is close to Downtown services and several free meal programs, and would thus be an appropriate location for a temporary homeless parking lot; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, 2011 Regular Session, the Senate concurring, urge the State of Hawai'i, Department of Economic Development and Tourism to open up the Foreign-Trade Zone no. 9 parking lot, 521 Ala Moana Boulevard, #201, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve as nighttime parking for working homeless individuals;  
; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rulemaking authority for this program should remain with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intention of this resolution is for a temporary solution, until adequate permanent affordable housing solutions are found; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the number of vehicles allowed in this parking lot be determined by the participating agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that restrooms will be provided for by the participating agency, a non-profit organization or through a grant from a private business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Business and Economic Development.

OFFERED BY: *Pida Cabrilla*

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