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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO OPEN THE DOH PARKING  
LOT NEAR THE CORNER OF BERETANIA AND PUNCHBOWL STREETS FROM  
6 P.M. TO 6 A.M. TO SERVE AS NIGHTTIME PARKING FOR WORKING  
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

1 WHEREAS the State of Hawaii and its residents are suffering  
2 from a significant economic downturn; and

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4 WHEREAS due to the current state of the economy there is a  
5 dismal availability of affordable housing in the State; and

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

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11 WHEREAS these individuals, while struggling to hold their  
12 lives together and keep their jobs, are faced with the  
13 insecurity and dangers of sleeping in their vehicles on the  
14 streets; and

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16 WHEREAS the State has a vast inventory of parking spaces  
17 that could easily be made available from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for  
18 the working homeless who reside in their vehicles; and

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20 WHEREAS this will provide safety and access to services  
21 greatly benefiting the working homeless; and

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23 WHEREAS a myriad of other states, cities, churches, and  
24 other organizations in California, Oregon, and Texas, to name a  
25 few, have already adopted this practice with great success in  
26 helping these working individuals; and



1 WHEREAS the County of Kauai is now launching this program;  
2 now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health  
7 (DOH) is urged to open the DOH parking lot near the corner of  
8 Beretania and Punchbowl streets from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve  
9 as nighttime parking for working homeless individuals; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
13 Director of Health.  
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