
HOUSE 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
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28 WHEREAS the County of Kauai is now launching this program;
29 now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, that the Department of Health (DOH) is urged to open
4 the DOH parking lot near the corner of Beretania and Punchbowl
5 streets from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve as nighttime parking for
6 working homeless individuals; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
10 Health.
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OFFERED BY:

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