
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DESIGNATE GOVERNMENT PARKING LOTS FOR USE AT NIGHT BY THE HOMELESS WHO OWN VEHICLES AND SLEEP IN THEIR VEHICLES.

1 WHEREAS, as a result of the depressed economy, in the last
2 few years the State of Hawaii and the City and County of
3 Honolulu have experienced increasing numbers of homeless persons
4 in Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, while homelessness is an issue that cuts across
7 cultural lines, the primary common denominator in the plight of
8 the homeless is the lack of affordable housing; and
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10 WHEREAS, there are many circumstances that drive people out
11 of their homes, such as substance abuse, serious health
12 problems, mental health conditions, being a war veteran, aging
13 out of the foster care system, in-migration from the mainland,
14 and inability to afford rent; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the Homeless Service Utilization
17 Report prepared by the Center on the Family at the University of
18 Hawaii and the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of
19 Human Services, for 2010 there were 9,781 homeless persons on
20 Oahu who received City and County of Honolulu services and
21 13,886 statewide who received related services; and
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23 WHEREAS, the actual number of homeless persons is higher
24 than these unofficial counts, as providers of homeless services
25 who do not receive state funding are not required to report the
26 numbers of their clients; and
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28 WHEREAS, children and youth comprise thirty-five percent of
29 the homeless population who live in shelters; and
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31 WHEREAS, among those who live in shelters, forty-two
32 percent have children, and of these, seventy-six percent are
33 families led by their mothers; and
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1 WHEREAS, thirty-five percent of those who live in shelters
2 have been homeless between one and eleven months; and

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4 WHEREAS, many homeless persons sleep in their cars wherever
5 they can find a safe place to park their car; and

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7 WHEREAS, state and municipal parking lots are largely empty
8 during night hours, the time when the homeless need a place to
9 sleep; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
13 that departments and other agencies of the State and the City
14 and County of Honolulu are requested to designate government
15 parking lots for use by homeless persons who own their own
16 vehicles and sleep in the vehicles, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parking lot at the Aloha
20 Stadium be designated for use between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. by
21 homeless persons who own their own vehicles; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that toilet facilities and security
24 be provided by the State and the City and County of Honolulu, or
25 other stakeholders, at designated sites between 10 p.m. and
26 6 a.m.; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and
30 County of Honolulu, and each department head of the State and
31 the City and County of Honolulu.

