
HOUSE 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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1 WHEREAS, the Foreign-Trade Zone no. 9 parking lot, 521 Ala
2 Moana Boulevard, #201 is vacant between the hours of 8 p.m. and
3 6 a.m., is close to Downtown services and several free meal
4 programs, and would thus be an appropriate location for a
5 temporary homeless parking lot; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, 2011 Regular
9 Session, urge the State of Hawai'i, Department of Economic
10 Development and Tourism to open up the Foreign-Trade Zone no. 9
11 parking lot, 521 Ala Moana Boulevard, #201, from 8 p.m. to 6
12 a.m. to serve as nighttime parking for working homeless
13 individuals;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rulemaking authority for this
17 program should remain with the Department of Economic
18 Development and Tourism; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intention of this
21 resolution is for a temporary solution, until adequate permanent
22 affordable housing solutions are found; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the number of vehicles allowed
25 in this parking lot be determined by the participating agency;
26 and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that restrooms will be provided for
29 by the participating agency, a non-profit organization or
30 through a grant from a private business; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Neil Abercrombie,
34 Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and the Director of the State
35 of Hawai'i Department of Business and Economic Development.
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