
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in spite of efforts
2 by government and nonprofit organizations to provide overnight
3 shelter to homeless persons, many do not use homeless shelters
4 due to mental illness, drug addiction, an inability to conform
5 to shelter rules, or other reasons. There are still many
6 homeless persons who sleep in public parks, along sidewalks, and
7 other similar areas, which creates a concern for the State's
8 vital visitor industry.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
10 establish safe havens for persons who are homeless in designated
11 surplus or available open or vacant locations owned by the
12 state.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
16 sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for
17 fiscal year 2012-2013 to establish safe havens for persons who
18 are homeless in surplus or available open or vacant locations;



1 provided that the funds shall be used for safe haven facilities

2 and uses including:

3 (1) Providing pavilions with open walls and overhead
4 shelter;

5 (2) Providing showers and toilets;

6 (3) Providing potable water;

7 (4) Providing coin-operated clothes washing machines and
8 clothes drying machines;

9 (5) Providing lockers;

10 (6) Providing personnel for minimum security; and

11 (7) Maintaining the locations designated to serve as safe
12 havens for persons who are homeless;

13 provided further that camping at safe haven sites shall be

14 permitted only at night and each homeless person shall be

15 permitted to have a limited amount of possessions and a maximum

16 of one pet, as determined to be appropriate by the department of

17 human services. The department of human services shall adopt

18 rules pursuant to chapter 91 for purposes of implementing this

19 section.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department

21 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Safe Havens; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to designate surplus or available open or vacant space as a safe haven for persons who are homeless. Effective on July 1, 2011. (SB900 HD1)

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