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# 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 existing parks and open or vacant locations.

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



1 locations; provided that the funds shall be used for safe haven  
2 facilities 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 parks or locations designated to serve  
12 as safe 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.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
19 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

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



**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Park Safe Havens

**Description:**

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

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