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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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, war veterans, foster youths  
13 who have aged out of the system but are not yet ready to be on  
14 their own, in-migration from the mainland, and for many the  
15 inability to earn enough money to pay rent; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to the Homeless Service Utilization  
18 Report prepared by the Center on the Family at the University of  
19 Hawaii and the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of  
20 Human Services, for 2010 there were 11,101 homeless persons on  
21 Oahu and 15,604 statewide; 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 ten percent of  
30 those who do not live in shelters; and



1           WHEREAS, among those who live in shelters, forty-three  
2 percent have children, and of these, seventy-six percent are  
3 families led by their mothers; and among those who do not live  
4 in shelters, twenty-one percent have children, and of these,  
5 sixty-two percent are families led by their mothers; and  
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7           WHEREAS, thirty-five percent of those who live in shelters  
8 and forty-two percent of those who live on the streets have been  
9 homeless between one and eleven months; and  
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11           WHEREAS, many homeless persons sleep in their cars wherever  
12 they can find a safe place to park their car; and  
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14           WHEREAS, state and municipal parking lots are largely empty  
15 during night hours, the time when the homeless need a place to  
16 sleep; now, therefore,  
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18           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that departments and other  
21 agencies of the State and the City and County of Honolulu are  
22 requested to designate government parking lots for use by  
23 homeless persons who own their own vehicles and sleep in the  
24 vehicles, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parking lots of the  
27 Department of Education parking structure at the corner of  
28 Vineyard Boulevard and Punchbowl Street, and at the Aloha  
29 Stadium be designated for use between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. by  
30 homeless persons who own their own vehicles; and  
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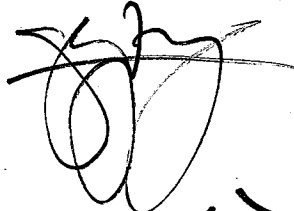
32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that toilet facilities and security  
33 be provided by the State and the City and County of Honolulu, or  
34 other stakeholders, at designated sites between 10 p.m. and  
35 6 a.m.; and  
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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor  
39 of the City and County of Honolulu, and each department head of  
40 the State and the City and County of Honolulu.  
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