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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

10:15 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**H.C.R. 75/H.R. 68- URGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO OPEN THE KAKAAKO WATERFRONT PARK PARKING LOT FROM 6 P.M. TO 6 A.M TO SERVE AS NIGHTTIME PARKING FOR WORKING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.**

**Purpose:** Urging the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to Open the Kakaako Waterfront Park Parking Lot from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve as Nighttime Parking for Working Homeless Individuals

**Position:** The HCDA does not support the use of the Kakaako Waterfront Park Parking Lot as night time parking for Working Homeless Individuals. While the HCDA works to be a "part of the solution" with respect to homelessness in Hawaii, we oppose the proposal to use the Kakaako Waterfront Park parking lot as an informal shelter for the working homeless as the proposal will not increase the inventory of emergency housing facilities for the homeless and the likelihood that more negative than positive will result from this strategy.



**No Increase in the Inventory of Facilities to Serve the Homeless.** When living on the street, there are two primary considerations that must be addressed. These considerations include:

- How will basic needs for drinking water, washing and toilet facilities be addressed?
- Will the individual and their possessions be safe and secure?

Using the Kakaako Waterfront Park parking lot as an emergency overnight shelter leaves unanswered these two questions. While the parking lot is secured by cattle gates at its street entrances, the area is open and there is no provision for security from without and within the parking lot. In this manner, the lot of the homeless has not improved from otherwise sleeping in a car on any street within the city.

The Kakaako Waterfront Park has inadequate facilities for addressing the drinking water, washing and toilet needs of any number of people camped in cars. Drinking facilities are limited to fountains within the park. There are no washing facilities and inadequate toilet facilities in the area. The lack of security and accommodations for these basic needs create only the illusion that each individual is better off than being on their own on a street of their choosing.

**Questions and Unintended Consequences.** The following issues are not addressed in the concurrent resolution and will need to be addressed. They include:

- How many people are expected to avail themselves of this facility?
- As the park and parking lot is open to the public until 10 p.m. each night, how will the rights of the everyday user be distinguished from those individuals without shelter seeking to park at 6 p.m.?
- What rules will be established for the parking lot and who will administer them?
- What entity will be charged with the clean up and maintenance of the area?
- How will this use of the parking lot affect public events at the amphitheater and other areas within the park?

- How will those homeless individuals without cars be treated? Will they be accommodated?
- Who will take liability for those vehicles that are unable to leave the parking lot? Who will be liable for illegal or unintended acts on State property?

**Summary.** As the proposal does not increase the inventory of safe and appropriate emergency shelter facilities in the city and as there are many more unanswered questions created than solutions provided, the HCDA does not support advancement of this directive. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.