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S.B. NO. 2568

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to a 2010
2 report, some 13,886 adults and children in Hawaii experienced
3 homelessness. This represents a three per cent increase from a
4 year ago.

5 The legislature further finds that in its first large-scale
6 application of a new ordinance barring people from storing
7 tents, furniture, clothing, and other personal items in public
8 areas, city and county of Honolulu officials have issued written
9 notices to numerous homeless individuals and families. This
10 leaves many homeless people with no choice but to comply, and
11 many do not know where to go next.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require counties to inform
13 homeless individuals and families of temporary emergency shelter
14 options if removed from public property.

15 SECTION 2. Section 346-375, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 " [+] §346-375 [+] **Temporary emergency shelter.** (a) In
18 addition to any other duties prescribed by law, the department



1 shall develop, in consultation with the four counties, a
2 procedure for identifying locations that shall be used for
3 temporary emergency shelters for homeless individuals and
4 families. The department shall actively partner with and
5 monitor the efforts of the counties.

6 (b) Each county shall be responsible for partnering with
7 nonprofit organizations to locate, designate, and maintain the
8 areas that shall be used for temporary emergency shelters. The
9 designated locations may include private, county, state, and
10 federal lands.

11 (c) Each county shall be responsible for partnering with
12 nonprofit organizations to provide information on and access to
13 temporary emergency shelters if the county relocates homeless
14 individuals and families from public property."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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By Request



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Report Title:

Temporary Emergency Shelters; Homeless; Counties

Description:

Requires counties to provide information on and access to temporary emergency shelters to homeless individuals and families upon removing them from public property.

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