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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESS PROGRAMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness  
2 continues to be one of the State's most significant and  
3 challenging social problems. The number of homeless persons in  
4 the State, estimated to be approximately six thousand on any  
5 given day, is indicative of the limited shelter space available.

6           The legislature further finds that new and innovative  
7 solutions are needed to address the homelessness crisis.  
8 Oregon, for example, has adopted laws that authorize political  
9 subdivisions to allow religious institutions to offer overnight  
10 camping space for homeless persons living in vehicles.

11 Similarly, Santa Barbara, California, has instituted a program  
12 that allows private organizations to use county-owned parking  
13 lots to provide overnight sleeping space for homeless persons  
14 with vehicles.

15           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of  
16 human services, in consultation with other state and county  
17 agencies and public or private homeless assistance programs, to  
18 support organizations willing to offer temporary nighttime



1 parking lots to provide safe overnight locations for homeless  
2 persons who would otherwise sleep in their vehicles parked on  
3 private or public roads or property. It is the legislature's  
4 intent that this program supplement existing policies and  
5 initiatives regarding the State's homeless population.

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

8 "~~{}~~§346-375~~{}~~ **Temporary emergency shelter~~-~~; temporary**  
9 **nighttime parking lots.** (a) In addition to any other duties  
10 prescribed by law, the department shall ~~[develop,~~ support, in  
11 consultation with ~~[the four counties,~~ other state and county  
12 agencies, a procedure for identifying locations that ~~[shall]~~ may  
13 be used for temporary emergency shelters for homeless  
14 individuals and families. The department shall actively partner  
15 with and monitor the efforts of the counties.

16 (b) Each county shall ~~[be responsible for partnering with]~~  
17 fund government agencies and profit and nonprofit organizations  
18 that want to ~~[locate,~~ designate~~]~~ and maintain ~~[the]~~ their  
19 parking lots as areas ~~[that shall be used]~~ for temporary  
20 emergency shelters. The designated locations may include  
21 private, county, state, and federal lands.





1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2014-2015 for the designation of temporary nighttime  
4 parking lots to provide safe overnight locations for homeless  
5 individuals who live and sleep in their motor vehicles and who  
6 would otherwise park overnight on public or private roads or  
7 property.

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

10       SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



**Report Title:**

Homelessness; Temporary Nighttime Parking Lots; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes and funds the designation of temporary nighttime parking lots in each county to provide safe overnight parking for homeless individuals who live and sleep in their motor vehicles and who would otherwise park overnight on public or private roads or property. Appropriates funds. (Proposed SD1)

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