

HB 535, HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO HOMELESS PROGRAMS.

Report Title: Homelessness; Temporary Nighttime Parking Lots

Description: Authorizes 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. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB535 HD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services
March 19, 2013

Testimony in Opposition to HB 535 HD2, Relating to Homeless Programs

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 78 Hawaii credit unions, representing approximately 804,000 credit union members across the state. We are opposed to HB 535 HD2, Relating to Homeless Programs.

While we understand the intent of this bill, and share the Legislature's concerns regarding the homeless in Hawaii, we oppose this bill. The current version of the bill seems to allow for the designation of any parking lot, which could include private property, such as the parking lots of Hawaii's credit unions. This could pose a large risk, especially for financial institutions.

We understand that the hearing on this bill includes a proposed Senate draft. We are not opposed to the proposed draft, and ask that if this bill is moved forward, the proposed draft be used.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

March 18, 2013

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

From: Karl Yoneshige, President & CEO

Re: HB 535 HD2, Relating to Homeless Programs

As the President/CEO of HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union, I am writing today to express our concern with the intent to use private parking facilities for “temporary nighttime parking” where homeless individuals who live and sleep in vehicles can park overnight.

We are not in a position to determine whether such a program will support the efforts of the State Department of Human Services and other agencies to address the return of people experiencing homelessness to stable housing. However, we can express concern over the costs we will incur in providing overnight parking for these individuals. We already face numerous expenses in providing a safe, clean parking facility for our members and staff, as well as visitors to our facilities. To require us to extend the parking availability for 24 hours will add costs for liability insurance, security, and of course sanitation.

The State and City have numerous public parking facilities that can be used, if indeed this program will be effective in ending homelessness in Hawaii. We are not advocating support of the intent of this program, only our objection that private companies and individuals will be burdened with the costs of providing parking spaces for these homeless individuals.

We have not examined the legality or constitutionality of this bill as it pertains to private companies, but will definitely seek relief from the courts if this bill includes private companies. There is no question that all of us realize that homelessness in Hawaii needs to be reduced, and that many different approaches are necessary; however, we ask that this program be vetted further and consideration be accorded to private companies and individuals who will be unnecessarily burdened. We understand that the Senate has a proposed draft that we are not opposed to as drafted.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2013

Testimony for HMS on Mar 19, 2013 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
TROY ABRAHAM	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support urgent passage of this bill to slam and end homelessness once and for all

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:00 PM, CR 016
Testimony of Don Crescimano in Support of HB 535 HD2
Phone: 478-7867 ; Email: himarket@lava.net

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, and Vice Chair Josh Green, and members of the HMS.

I am in Support of HB 535 HD2 as it is a short term solution for many homeless instead of being outdoors in the wind and rain.

I am in strong support of HB 535 HD2 as it authorizes 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. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB535 HD2)

HB 535 will allow the intent of this measure is to seek alternative solutions for homeless individuals who possess an automobile and desire to inhabit it overnight.

H.B. 535 HD2 would allow the designation of temporary nighttime parking lots within each county to provide locations where homeless individuals get seek emergency shelter and be allowed to sleep over night out of the rain and elements.

The use Public or private sector infrastructure and facilities that are being severely under utilities and laying idle most of the time can be leveraged and used for shelter over night.

Without a great expenditure for facilities HB 535 would provide for overhead shelter for many homeless persons who would otherwise be sleeping on the public parks and streets.

HB 535 will not allow the use of alcohol or drugs and enforced in these private vehicles located in these publicly designated parking lots.

There will be a safe haven where counseling outreach, job counseling, and health outreach care could be provided to the inhabitants of these automobiles in these parking areas during these nighttime parking hours.

The private or public party providers that City could contract with to oversee the shelter at a minimal cost thus saving the state and counties millions of taxpayers' dollars.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2013

Testimony for HMS on Mar 19, 2013 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Sisneros	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I see many potential problems with this bill. It should not be a taxpayer funded initiative. I see problems that could arise with the people not leaving or cleaning up after themselves. It is a nice attempt at helping them to be safer at night, but i think it might snowball into worse situations than there are already.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish to thank the Senate Committee on Human Services for the opportunity to testify on SB 535. I OPPOSE SB 535. Homelessness is a growing problem on all the Islands and this bill will just encourage homeless people to stay on the streets and it will not provide an incentive for the homeless to search for shelters and other help. Even the State of Hawaii's own Department of Human Services' Mr. Colin Kippen, State Homelessness Coordinator testified against this bill.

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Rosemary Aldridge	Individual	Oppose	No

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