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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESS PERSONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a
2 serious problem affecting many neighborhoods and communities
3 throughout the State. The lack of affordable housing and
4 rentals have forced residents to live or sleep on sidewalks or
5 in cars, business entrances, underpasses, and other public and
6 private locations not meant for habitation.

7 The legislature further finds that Sand Island state
8 recreation area is near downtown Honolulu and is an underused
9 and open space with parking, showers, and restrooms. It is an
10 ideal location to create a temporary tent city or safe zone
11 where homeless persons can reside for up to six months.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
13 resources, in consultation with the department of human
14 services, shall establish a park and campground for homeless
15 persons within Sand Island state recreation area on Oahu;
16 provided that the land designated for the park and campground
17 for homeless persons shall not be more than one-fourth of the
18 total area of the Sand Island state recreation area.



1 (b) The department of human services shall consult and
2 coordinate with the appropriate agencies of the city and county
3 of Honolulu and appropriate nonprofit organizations to provide
4 necessary services for homeless persons that use the park and
5 campground.

6 (c) The department of land and natural resources may adopt
7 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
8 effectuate this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 2591

Report Title:

Homeless Persons; Sand Island State Recreation Area

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources, in consultation with the department of human services, to establish a park and campground for the homeless at Sand Island state recreation area.

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