



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 1326

July 12, 2017

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB83 HD1 SD2 CD1

HB83 HD1 SD2 CD1, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS" will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, in consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Human Services to establish a working group to examine and develop recommendations for the establishment of safe zones.

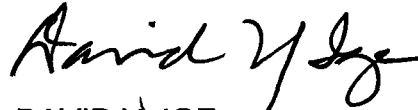
The Housing First approach has been the preferred solution to address homelessness in Hawaii. In 2012, the Legislature directed the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) to study the issue of "designating safe facilities located at areas, showers, toilets, laundry facilities, and locker rooms in various locations throughout the State for homeless persons for overnight stays." In its report to the Legislature, the HICH concluded that "[c]reating camping areas for homeless individuals in our parks and in our public buildings . . . is unworkable, is not advisable, and should not be pursued." The better long term strategy is to link people to housing.

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Homelessness continues to be a major concern in Hawaii and the administration will continue to look at all options regarding this issue.

For the foregoing reasons, HB83 HD1 SD2 CD1 will become law as Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, effective July 12, 2017, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

DAVID IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Hawaii interagency council on
2 homelessness, in conjunction with and with the advisement of the
3 department of human services and department of land and natural
4 resources, shall establish a working group to examine and
5 develop recommendations related to the establishment of safe
6 zones for persons experiencing homelessness. The members of the
7 working group shall designate a chairperson from among
8 themselves.

9 (b) The working group shall consider the following:

- 10 (1) The target population to be served by safe zones;
11 (2) Recommendations of potential sites to be designated as
12 safe zones; provided that the sites shall be state
13 lands designated within the urban district by the land
14 use commission;
15 (3) The type of facilities or dwelling units permitted
16 within a safe zone, including the use of modular
17 structures;



1 (4) Strategies to transition inhabitants of a safe zone to
2 permanent housing that utilizes the housing first
3 approach;

4 (5) The timeline necessary for planning and implementation
5 of a pilot safe zone for persons experiencing
6 homelessness;

7 (6) The estimated costs of planning and implementing a
8 safe zone; and

9 (7) The potential scope of liability of the State and its
10 employees and agents with regard to the establishment
11 of safe zones.

12 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
13 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
14 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to support
19 the activities of the working group established pursuant to this
20 Act.

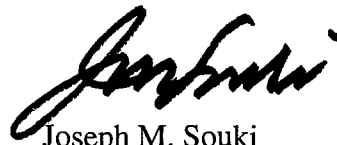


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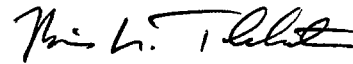
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

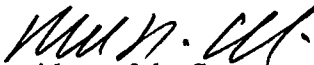



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate