
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT QUARTERLY SWEEPS OF LILIUOKALANI BOTANICAL GARDEN UNDER THE SCHOOL STREET OVERPASS.

1 WHEREAS, state and city agencies and public officials
2 continue to work toward solutions to address homelessness in the
3 State through increased housing options and expanded outreach
4 services; and

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6 WHEREAS, in the meantime, there are growing numbers of
7 unsanctioned encampments of homeless individuals on state and
8 city property, including parks, sidewalks, bridges, and streams,
9 and along highways, as well as other areas meant for public use;
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12 WHEREAS, one such established encampment is in Liliuokalani
13 Botanical Garden under the School Street overpass; and

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15 WHEREAS, nearby residents and individuals who frequent the
16 grounds of Liliuokalani Botanical Garden have reported a growing
17 number of concerning incidents, including fights at the
18 encampment; unleashed dogs wandering the grounds; the use and
19 sale of illegal substances; dumping of trash and bulky items on
20 the property and in the stream area; fires; and other safety
21 concerns; and

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23 WHEREAS, allowing the encampment to continue will only
24 cause it to expand in size and number, as well as give
25 individuals residing in the encampment no incentive to seek
26 available services from state, city, and nonprofit outreach
27 providers; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2017, that the Department of Transportation is requested to



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1 conduct quarterly sweeps of Liliuokalani Botanical Garden under
2 the School Street overpass; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
5 Transportation is requested to coordinate the scheduling of its
6 quarterly sweeps of Liliuokalani Botanical Garden under the
7 School Street overpass with the following agencies and
8 individuals: City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility
9 Maintenance, Governor's Homeless Coordinator, and any other
10 agency deemed necessary to maximize efforts in removing
11 individuals from the homeless encampment and placing them in
12 homeless shelters or with homeless service providers; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor's Homeless
16 Coordinator, Director of Transportation, Mayor of the City and
17 County of Honolulu, members of the Honolulu City Council, and
18 Director and Chief Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu
19 Department of Facility Maintenance.
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