
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has the
2 highest rate per capita of homelessness of any state in the
3 nation.

4 The legislature further finds that each state department is
5 responsible for enforcing trespass laws on its own land to
6 prevent illegal homeless encampments.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program to
8 centralize the enforcement of trespass laws on state property.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a trespass
10 enforcement pilot program within the office of the governor to
11 address illegal homeless encampments on state property.

12 (b) The office of the governor shall coordinate and
13 oversee the enforcement of trespass laws on state lands for the
14 purpose of preventing and addressing illegal homeless
15 encampments on state lands.

16 (c) The office of the governor may temporarily establish
17 positions to enforce trespassing laws and may manage current



1 employees of state departments for the purposes of enforcing
2 trespassing laws and preventing and addressing illegal homeless
3 encampments.

4 (d) The office of the governor shall submit a report of
5 its findings and recommendations on the pilot project, including
6 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
8 2020. The report shall include:

9 (1) The number of trespass citations and warnings given;

10 (2) The number of individuals placed in homeless shelters
11 as the result of activities of the pilot project; and

12 (3) A recommendation on whether the pilot project should
13 be made permanent, modified, or terminated.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
17 office of the governor to enforce public trespassing laws on
18 state lands, including lands within the jurisdiction of the
19 department of transportation, department of land and natural
20 resources, and the department of education.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
2 governor for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, and
4 shall be repealed on June 30, 2019.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; Illegal Homeless Encampments; Pilot Project;
Trespass Enforcement; Office of the Governor; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a pilot program, within the office of the governor, to enforce trespass laws to prevent and address illegal homeless encampments on state lands. Appropriation.

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