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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall  
2 establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside in the  
3 State.

4           (b) The location of each safe zone shall be designated by  
5 the land use commission.

6           (c) Each safe zone shall be furnished with appropriate  
7 hygiene facilities and security and social services as deemed  
8 necessary.

9           (d) The peaceful consumption of alcoholic beverages by  
10 persons twenty-one years of age or older shall be permitted in  
11 safe zones.

12           (e) Animal companions of homeless persons shall be  
13 permitted in safe zones.

14           (f) The department shall maintain and operate safe zones  
15 until the legislature determines that homelessness is no longer  
16 a crisis in the State.



(g) The department shall consider the following when establishing safe zones:

(1) The target population to be served;

(2) Recommendations of potential sites to be designated as safe zones; provided that the sites shall be state lands designated within the urban district by the land use commission;

(3) The type of facilities or dwelling units permitted within a safe zone, including the use of modular structures; and

(4) Strategies to transition inhabitants of a safe zone to permanent housing that utilizes the housing first approach.

(h) The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary to implement this section.

(i) The department may employ, without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and at pleasure dismiss persons it finds necessary to assist with the operation of establishing safe zones.



# S.B. NO. 2501


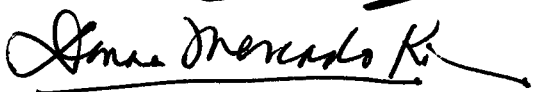
(j) The State shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, or death arising from or occurring in a safe zone.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the establishment of safe zones where homeless persons may reside in the State.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

INTRODUCED BY:



# S.B. NO. 2501

**Report Title:**

Department of Human Services; Homelessness; Safe Zones;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside. Appropriates funds.

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