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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ADD HANS L'ORANGE  
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO THE LIST OF SECURED PARKS ON OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, homelessness, which causes major public health and  
2 societal issues, continues to be one of the most significant and  
3 persistent problems in the State; and

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5           WHEREAS, in 2018, according to the Hawaii Statewide Point  
6 in Time Count:

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8           (1) There were over six-thousand five-hundred homeless  
9 individuals in the State;

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11           (2) There were over four-thousand homeless individuals on  
12 the island of Oahu in 2018; and

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14           (3) Nearly half of the homeless individuals on Oahu in  
15 2018 were unsheltered; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Statewide Point in Time Count also  
18 estimated that in 2018, the Ewa region of Oahu, which includes  
19 Waipahu, experienced an 8.2 percent increase in the number of  
20 unsheltered homeless individuals compared to the previous year,  
21 while the overall unsheltered homeless population on Oahu  
22 decreased by 7.7 percent over the same period; and

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24           WHEREAS, nearly thirty percent of the homeless population  
25 in the Ewa region are in Waipahu; and

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27           WHEREAS, Waipahu residents have raised concerns about  
28 numerous growing homeless encampments, which include areas near  
29 Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park, around Passive Park and the  
30 overflow parking area by Mokuola and Waipahu Street; and

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1 WHEREAS, this year nearly sixty parks in the City and  
2 County of Honolulu will be locked every night to prevent  
3 vandalism and activity; and

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5 WHEREAS, city parks are assets for public use and  
6 enjoyment; and

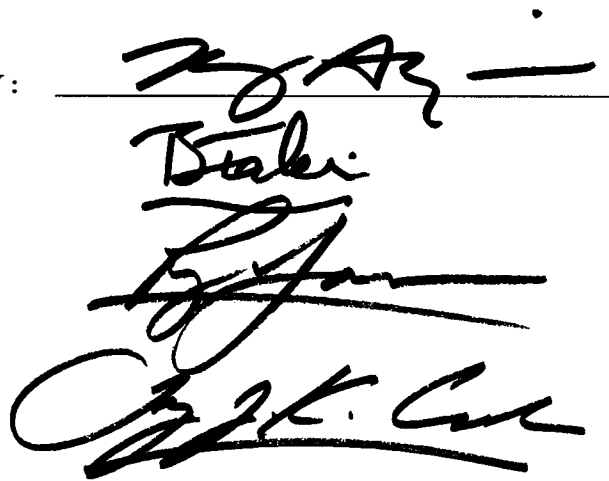
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8 WHEREAS, several irresponsible individuals threaten the  
9 safety and image of many city parks through vandalism and other  
10 illicit activity; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
14 2019, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of  
15 Honolulu is urged to add Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park to the  
16 list of secured parks on Oahu to help prevent illicit activity  
17 from occurring in the park; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of  
21 the County Council, and the Director of the Department of  
22 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:



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