
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 there is a need to
2 encourage collaborative intergovernmental approaches to
3 addressing the challenges of homelessness, including ensuring
4 the health and safety of residents on state- and federally-owned
5 lands, such as those managed by the United States Army Garrison
6 Hawaii. Debris left behind by vacated homeless encampments
7 poses potential environmental and public health hazards,
8 including an increased risk of wildfires. Additionally, active
9 encampments in high-risk fire zones present a further threat to
10 the encampment's residents and surrounding communities.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a vacated homeless
12 encampment clean up task force within the department of
13 transportation to identify parcels of land that require
14 intergovernmental coordination to clean up vacated homeless
15 encampments located on land managed by government agencies,
16 including but not limited to the United States Army Garrison
17 Hawaii, and execute a memorandum of agreement to coordinate



1 clean-up of vacated homeless encampments located on the
2 identified land parcels.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a vacated homeless
4 encampment clean up task force within the department of
5 transportation to:

6 (1) Identify parcels of land that require
7 intergovernmental coordination to clean up vacated
8 homeless encampments located on land managed by
9 government agencies, including but not limited to the
10 United States Army Garrison Hawaii; and

11 (2) Enter into a memorandum of understanding to coordinate
12 clean-up of vacated homeless encampments located on
13 the identified parcels of land.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members
15 or their designees:

16 (1) The department of transportation's homelessness
17 coordinator, who shall serve as chair;

18 (2) The governor's coordinator on homelessness;

19 (3) The chairperson of board of land and natural
20 resources; and



1 (4) Any other members, including representatives from
2 state agencies, elected officials, or community
3 stakeholders, as recommended by the majority of the
4 task force.

5 (c) The director of transportation shall invite a
6 representative from the United States Army Garrison Hawaii to
7 participate on the task force.

8 (d) The task force's duties and responsibilities shall
9 include:

10 (1) Consulting with the state coordinator on homelessness
11 and other relevant agencies to determine that an
12 appropriate period of vacancy has elapsed for an
13 encampment to be deemed vacant; provided that in
14 determining an appropriate period of vacancy, the task
15 force shall consider:

- 16 (A) Public health risks;
- 17 (B) Environmental concerns;
- 18 (C) Potential for reoccupation; and
- 19 (D) Availability of alternative housing options for
20 individuals previously occupying the encampment;



1 (2) Notifying any government agencies, relevant
 2 stakeholders, and elected officials in the area where
 3 clean-up activities will occur within forty-eight
 4 hours of identifying a vacated encampment located on
 5 government property;

6 (3) Initiating clean-up activities only after the vacated
 7 encampment has been confirmed to be vacated and an
 8 appropriate period of vacancy has elapsed; and

9 (4) Prioritizing the removal of biohazards, hazardous
 10 materials, and items posing immediate public health or
 11 safety risks, including materials that could be fire
 12 hazards.

13 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
 14 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 15 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 16 the regular sessions of 2025 and 2026.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
 20 the purposes of this Act.



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

3 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
4 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
6 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
7 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
8 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
9 appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund
10 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
11 exceeded by \$10,000,000 or per cent. The combined total
12 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
13 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
14 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
15 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
16 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 17 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
18 serve the public interest; and
- 19 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
20 addressed by this Act.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



H.B. NO. 2084
H.D. 1

Report Title:

Vacated Homeless Encampments Clean Up Task Force;
Intergovernmental Agreements; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Establishes a vacated homeless encampment clean up task force to identify parcels of land that require intergovernmental coordination to clean up vacated homeless encampments located on lands managed by government agencies, including but not limited to the United States Army Garrison Hawaii, and execute a memorandum of understanding to clean up vacated homeless encampments located on the identified parcels. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriate funds. Effective 7/1/3000.
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