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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A SAFE  
PARKING PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS  
LIVING IN THEIR CARS TO PARK ON STATE LANDS DURING  
PROHIBITED HOURS.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is an issue that has been prevalent  
2 for decades in the State, especially on Oahu; and  
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4 WHEREAS, a person who is homeless is at higher risk of  
5 their general welfare, safety, and health being threatened; and  
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7 WHEREAS, additionally, Native Hawaiians and Pacific  
8 Islanders face the highest rates of homelessness compared to any  
9 other racial group in the State; and  
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11 WHEREAS, shelter is a basic necessity; however, existing  
12 state law prohibits using one's vehicle for purposes of human  
13 habitation while the vehicle is parked on public property  
14 between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and  
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16 WHEREAS, homeless shelters are available, yet they are not  
17 always viable due to various circumstances or restrictions, such  
18 as space, location, safety, shelter rules that may prohibit  
19 spouses or pets, limitations based on mental or physical health,  
20 or curfews; and  
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22 WHEREAS, many jurisdictions in California have established  
23 safe parking pilot programs to provide a safe place to park and  
24 receive basic services for individuals who are living in their  
25 vehicles; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Bellevue, Washington is also planning to open a  
28 similar safe parking pilot program in spring 2024 to provide



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1 temporary support for homeless individuals who are struggling to  
2 find stable housing; and

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4 WHEREAS, establishing a safe parking program in the State  
5 can help Hawaii's homeless population find a safe place to park  
6 and rest at night, providing stability to these individuals as  
7 they seek permanent housing; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
12 Transportation is urged to establish a safe parking pilot  
13 program that allows homeless individuals living in their cars to  
14 park on state lands during prohibited hours; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
17 Transportation is requested to submit a report on the status of  
18 the safe parking pilot program no later than twenty days prior  
19 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

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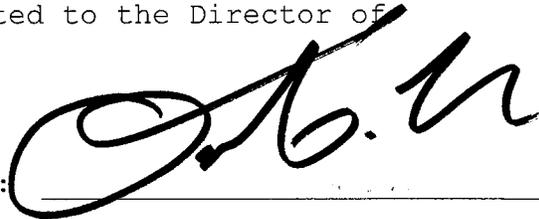
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
23 Transportation.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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