## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO OPEN UP THE PARKING LOT AT THE PREVIOUS QUEEN LILIOUKALANI SCHOOL, 3633 WAIALAE AVENUE HONOLULU, FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM TO SERVE AS NIGHTTIME PARKING FOR WORKING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS the State of Hawai'i and its residents are suffering from a significant economic downturn; and,

·WHEREAS due to the current state of the economy there is an apparent lack of availability of affordable housing in the State; and,

WHEREAS the foreclosures resulting from the housing collapse have further contributed to the growing population of homeless among working individuals; and,

WHEREAS these individuals, while struggling to hold their lives together and keep their jobs, are faced with instability and the dangers of sleeping in their vehicles on the streets; and,

WHEREAS the State has a vast inventory of parking spaces and is asked to avail their parking lots from 8 pm to 6 am for the working homeless who reside in their vehicles; and,

WHEREAS this will greatly benefit the working homeless by providing safety and access to services; and,

WHEREAS a myriad of other States, Cities, Churches, and other organizations in the State of California, Oregon, and Texas, to name a few, have already adopted this practice with great success in helping these working individuals; and,

WHEREAS the Country of Kauai is now launching this program; and,

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WHEREAS, the previous Queen Lilioukalani School, 3633 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu has been scheduled to be closed, and its highest and best use, for a temporary period of time, would be as a temporary homeless parking lot and safe haven; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, 2011 Regular Session, the Senate concurring, urge the State of Hawai'i to open up the previous Queen Lilioukalani School, 3633 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve as nighttime parking for working homeless individuals; ; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rulemaking authority for this program should remain with the State of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intention of this resolution is for a temporary solution, until adequate permanent affordable housing solutions are found; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the number of vehicles allowed in this parking lot be determined by the participating agency; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that restrooms will be provided for by the participating agency, a non-profit organization or through a grant from a private business; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and the Director of the State of Hawai`i Department of Human Services, the Director of the State of Hawai`i Department of Education and the Chair and members of the Board of Education. OFFERED BY: Joh abanilla

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