HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO OPEN THE KAKAAKO WATERFRONT PARK PARKING LOT FROM 6 P.M. TO 6 A.M. TO SERVE AS NIGHTTIME PARKING FOR WORKING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS the State of Hawaii and its residents are suffering 1 from a significant economic downturn; and Ż. 3 4 WHEREAS due to the current state of the economy there is a 5 dismal availability of affordable housing in the State; and 6 7 WHEREAS the foreclosures resulting from the housing 8 collapse have further contributed to the growing population of homelessness among working individuals; and 9 10 WHEREAS these individuals, while struggling to hold their 11 lives together and keep their jobs, are faced with the 12 13 insecurity and dangers of sleeping in their vehicles on the streets; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS the State has a vast inventory of parking spaces that could be easily be made available from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for 17 the working homeless who reside in their vehicles; and 18 19 20 WHEREAS this will provide safety and access to services greatly benefiting the working homeless; and 21 22 WHEREAS a myriad of other states, cities, churches, and 23 other organizations in California, Oregon, and Texas, to name a 24 few, have already adopted this practice with great success in 25 helping these working individuals; and 26

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WHEREAS the County of Kauai is now launching this program;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is urged to open the Kakaako Waterfront Park parking lot from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. to serve as nighttime parking for working homeless individuals; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this 11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the 12 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and the 13 Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development 14 Authority.

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