A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
- 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
- 3 as follows:
- 4 "CHAPTER
- 5 A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS
- 6 § -1 Bill of rights; established. (a) There is created
- 7 a homeless person's bill of rights to quarantee that the rights,
- 8 privacy, and property of homeless persons are adequately
- 9 safeguarded and protected under the laws of this State. The
- 10 rights afforded homeless persons to ensure that their person,
- 11 privacy, and property are safeguarded and protected, as set
- 12 forth in subsection (b), are available only to the extent that
- 13 they are implemented pursuant to the laws of this State and the
- 14 federal government. For purposes of this section, "homeless
- 15 person" shall have the same meaning as "homeless" in section
- **16** 346-361.
- 17 (b) Every homeless person in this State shall have the
- 18 right to:

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1	(1)	Move freely in public spaces, including on public
2		sidewalks, in public parks, on public transportation,
3		and in public buildings without harassment or
4		intimidation from law enforcement officials, in the
5		same manner as other persons;
6	(2)	Have equal opportunities for employment;
7	(3)	Receive emergency medical care;
8	(4)	Register to vote and to vote;
9	(5)	Have personal information protected;
10	(6)	Have a reasonable expectation of privacy in one's
11		personal property; and
12	(7)	Receive equal treatment by state and county agencies.
13	(c)	Each county may post in a usual location for county
14	notices a	notice entitled "A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS"
15	that conta	ains the text set forth in subsection (b)."
16	SECT	ION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Homeless Persons; Bill of Rights

Description:

Establishes a homeless person's bill of rights.

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