HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2001

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:

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
as follows:
"CHAPTER
A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS
§ -1 Bill of rights; established. (a) There is created
a homeless person's bill of rights to guarantee that the rights,
privacy, and property of homeless persons are adequately
safeguarded and protected under the laws of this State. The
rights afforded homeless persons to ensure that their person,
privacy, and property are safeguarded and protected, as set
forth in subsection (b), are available only to the extent that
they are implemented pursuant to the laws of this State and the
federal government. For purposes of this section, "homeless
person" shall have the same meaning as "homeless" in section
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;
12	. (7)	Receive equal treatment by state and county agencies;
13	(8)	Apply for programs and services with the federal,
14		state, and county governments and be treated fairly
15		without any discrimination based upon being homeless;
16	(9)	Choose to accept assistance from any federal, state,
17		or county government when approached to enroll in a
18		program that may improve one's quality of life; and
19	(10)	Enjoy the same rights and freedoms that every citizen
20		of the United States enjoys under the United States
21		Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution.



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(c) Each county may post, in a usual location for county
notices, a notice entitled "A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS"
that contains the text set forth in subsection (b)."
SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Establishes a homeless person's bill of rights.

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