
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a
2 critical issue in the State. Furthermore, the increasing number
3 of illegal homeless camps are a threat to public health and
4 safety. The legislature further finds that innovative solutions
5 are needed to provide alternative living options for homeless
6 individuals. "Work camping", already a popular employment trend
7 among private campgrounds across the nation, provides workers
8 with a campsite in exchange for their services maintaining park
9 grounds and programs.

10 Accordingly, this Act requires the department of land and
11 natural resources to establish a "stay for work" program for the
12 purpose of providing a new alternative to illegal homeless
13 encampments. The program shall provide homeless individuals and
14 families with legal campsites at state parks in exchange for
15 their volunteer services maintaining park grounds.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part XVII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Park campsite program. (a) The department of
5 land and natural resources shall implement a program to provide
6 homeless individuals and families with legal campsites on park
7 grounds in exchange for the adult individuals' volunteer
8 services maintaining park grounds.

9 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
10 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section provided that the
11 program meets the following requirements:

12 (1) Volunteers shall not be required to work more than
13 twenty-five hours per week; and

14 (2) Campsites provided must be suitable for a tent or
15 other temporary dwelling, have access to public bathrooms
16 and showers, and have a place suitable to build a fire for
17 cooking.

18 (c) Compliance with program rules shall afford program
19 participants the continued right to occupy the provided
20 campsite."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

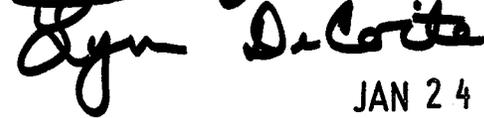


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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Homelessness; Alternative Living; Park Campsite Program

Description:

This Act instructs DLNR to create a stay-for-work program which provides homeless individuals and families with legal campsites at parks in exchange for their volunteer services maintaining park grounds.

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