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## 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. A popular employment trend with private  
7 campgrounds across the nation provide citizens the opportunity  
8 to stay at campsites in exchange for their services in  
9 maintaining the park grounds and other park-related resources.

10           Accordingly, this Act requires the department of land and  
11 natural resources to establish a park maintenance campsite  
12 program to provide 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 maintaining park grounds.



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

4 "§346 Park maintenance campsite program. (a) The  
5 department of land and natural resources shall implement a park  
6 maintenance campsite program to provide homeless individuals and  
7 families with legal campsites on park grounds in exchange for  
8 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 must be an adult over the age of eighteen  
13 years;

14 (2) Volunteers shall not be required to work more than  
15 twenty-five hours per week; and

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



1        (c) Compliance with program rules shall afford program  
 2        participants the continued right to occupy the  
 3        provided campsite."

4        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# H.B. NO. 2254

**Report Title:**

DLNR; Homelessness, Alternative Living, Park Campsite Program

**Description:**

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

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