
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the supply of
2 affordable housing in Hawaii is insufficient to meet demand.
3 Alongside the current population of those without homes, many
4 residents are financially vulnerable to becoming homeless.
5 According to a recent survey, the homeless population has
6 increased by four per cent from 2015 to 2016. This translates
7 into over 4,900 homeless people on Oahu and over 7,600 across
8 Hawaii as a whole.

9 Relying on the subsidies from the government will not
10 eliminate the affordable housing shortage in the foreseeable
11 future. As such, there is a need to implement temporary housing
12 solutions for the immediate future.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to give property
14 owners the ability to lease yard space or driveway space to
15 campers and recreational camping vehicles, as a temporary
16 solution to the homeless crisis.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§46- Exemptions to zoning ordinances for temporary
5 residential structures. There shall be an exemption from zoning
6 ordinances to allow owners of property the right to lease yard
7 or driveway space for temporary residential purposes, enabling
8 lessees to camp in a temporary structure on a property owner's
9 yard or a vehicle designed for camping on a property owner's
10 driveway, unless the lease:

- 11 (1) Would violate any health or safety regulations;
- 12 (2) Would violate any private agreements, covenants, or
13 easements; or
- 14 (3) Affects lands deemed subject to seasonable, periodic,
15 or occasional flooding as these lands shall not be
16 used for residence or other purposes in a manner which
17 would endanger the health and safety of the occupants
18 thereof, as required by the Federal Flood Insurance
19 Act of 1956 (chapter 1025, Public Law 1016)."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon a date to be
2 determined.



Report Title:

Homelessness; Exemptions from Zoning Ordinances

Description:

Gives property owners the ability to lease yard space or driveway space for temporary residential purposes, subject to certain conditions, including allowing lessees to camp in a temporary structure on a property owner's yard or a vehicle designed for camping on a property owner's driveway. (HB968 HD1)

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