
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO AMEND THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU, AS PROPOSED IN A BILL BY THE HONOLULU YOUTH COMMISSION, THAT CREATES A SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is an issue that has been prevalent
2 for decades in the State, especially on Oahu; and

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4 WHEREAS, a person who is homeless is at higher risk of
5 their general welfare, safety, and health being threatened; and

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7 WHEREAS, additionally, Native Hawaiians and Pacific
8 Islanders face the highest rates of homelessness compared to any
9 other racial group in the State; and

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11 WHEREAS, shelter is a basic necessity; however, existing
12 State law prohibits using one's vehicle for purposes of human
13 habitation while the vehicle is parked on public property
14 between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

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16 WHEREAS, homeless shelters are available, yet they are not
17 always viable due to various circumstances or restrictions, such
18 as space, location, safety, shelter rules that may prohibit
19 spouses or pets, limitations based on mental or physical health,
20 or curfews; and

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22 WHEREAS, existing state law empowers the counties to enact
23 ordinances to regulate the use of vehicles for purposes of human
24 habitation; and

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26 WHEREAS, to support the State's homeless population, the
27 Honolulu Youth Commission recently proposed a bill that amends
28 chapters 10 and 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, enabling a
29 safe parking pilot program that allows individuals to sleep in



1 their cars between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in certain
2 sanctioned city parking lots; and

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4 WHEREAS, there have been other jurisdictions that
5 successfully passed similar ordinances, such as jurisdictions in
6 California, Colorado, and Washington; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the City and County
11 of Honolulu is urged to amend the Revised Ordinances of
12 Honolulu, as proposed in a bill by the Honolulu Youth
13 Commission, that creates a safe parking pilot program; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
17 and County of Honolulu and all members of the Honolulu City
18 Council.

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OFFERED BY:



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