
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A SAFE
PARKING PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
LIVING IN THEIR CARS TO PARK ON STATE LANDS DURING
PROHIBITED HOURS.

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, many jurisdictions in California have established
23 safe parking pilot programs to provide a safe place to park and
24 receive basic services for individuals who are living in their
25 vehicles; and
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27 WHEREAS, Bellevue, Washington is also planning to open a
28 similar safe parking pilot program in spring 2024 to provide
29 temporary support for homeless individuals who are struggling to
30 find stable housing; and
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1 WHEREAS, establishing a safe parking program in the State
2 can help Hawaii's homeless population find a safe place to park
3 and rest at night, providing stability to these individuals as
4 they seek permanent housing; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2024, that the Department of Transportation is urged
9 to establish a safe parking pilot program that allows homeless
10 individuals living in their cars to park on state lands during
11 prohibited hours; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
14 Transportation is requested to submit a report on the status of
15 the safe parking pilot program no later than twenty days prior
16 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY:



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