
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ADD HANS L'ORANGE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO THE LIST OF SECURED PARKS ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness, which causes major public health and
2 societal issues, continues to be one of the most significant and
3 persistent problems in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, according to the Hawaii Statewide Point
6 in Time Count:
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8 (1) There were over six-thousand five-hundred homeless
9 individuals in the State;
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11 (2) There were over four-thousand homeless individuals on
12 the island of Oahu in 2018; and
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14 (3) Nearly half of the homeless individuals on Oahu in
15 2018 were unsheltered; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Statewide Point in Time Count also
18 estimated that in 2018, the Ewa region of Oahu, which includes
19 Waipahu, experienced an 8.2 percent increase in the number of
20 unsheltered homeless individuals compared to the previous year,
21 while the overall unsheltered homeless population on Oahu
22 decreased by 7.7 percent over the same period; and
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24 WHEREAS, nearly thirty percent of the homeless population
25 in the Ewa region are in Waipahu; and
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27 WHEREAS, Waipahu residents have raised concerns about
28 numerous growing homeless encampments, which include areas near
29 Hans L'Orange Neighborhood Park, around Passive Park and the
30 overflow parking area by Mokuola and Waipahu Street; and
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1 WHEREAS, this year nearly sixty parks in the City and
 2 County of Honolulu will be locked every night to prevent
 3 vandalism and activity; and

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 5 WHEREAS, city parks are assets for public use and
 6 enjoyment; and

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 8 WHEREAS, several irresponsible individuals threaten the
 9 safety and image of many city parks through vandalism and other
 10 illicit activity; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 14 2019, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to add Hans
 15 L'Orange Neighborhood Park to the list of secured parks on Oahu
 16 to help prevent illicit activity from occurring in the park; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the County
 20 Council, and the Director of the Department of Planning and
 21 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

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