
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 the COVID-19
2 pandemic has endangered lives around the world. With the
3 threats to people's well-being, concerns about an over extended
4 health care system, and record numbers of unemployment,
5 communities have come together to create emergency areas to
6 house and help those who are homeless.

7 The legislature further finds that COVID-19 will likely
8 continue to pose risks to Hawaii until effective treatment or a
9 vaccine are discovered and developed, and that it is unsafe to
10 remove people from established emergency homes and services.

11 The legislature finds that ensuring public safety is
12 paramount, and due to COVID-19, persistent homelessness, and a
13 severe economic downturn, it is in the public interest to assist
14 emergency homeless camps to temporarily provide shelter.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure the safety of those in
16 emergency homeless camps by authorizing the board of land and
17 natural resources to issue month to month revocable permits to



1 be used for temporary emergency sheltering and facilities for
2 homeless persons on state lands.

3 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
4 the board of land and natural resources may issue month to month
5 revocable permits to be used for the temporary emergency
6 sheltering of and facilities for homeless persons on state lands
7 under conditions and rent which will serve the best interest of
8 the State; provided that:

9 (1) Any revocable permit issued pursuant to this Act shall
10 be exempt from chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

11 (2) A revocable permit may only be issued pursuant to this
12 section if the person issued the revocable permit has
13 a written agreement or partnership with the State or
14 any political subdivision thereof; and

15 (3) A revocable permit may not be issued for lands under
16 the control or management of the department of
17 agriculture without the prior agreement of the
18 department of agriculture.

19 (b) A person issued a revocable permit pursuant to this
20 Act shall endeavor to meet all applicable state and county
21 requirements, or if noncompliant due to the nature of the



1 emergency, shall demonstrate good faith planning and progress to
2 achieve and maintain compliance, or seek alternative locations
3 for the long term sheltering of homeless persons.

4 (c) Each person issued a revocable permit or who resides
5 on state-owned land leased pursuant to this Act, shall, in
6 writing, waive, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the State
7 of Hawaii, its officers, agents, and employees from and against
8 any and all claims arising out of or resulting from the lease or
9 occupancy; provided that the waiver, release, indemnification,
10 and hold harmless provided by this section shall survive the
11 repeal of this section.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
13 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2022.



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Report Title:

Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources;
Department of Agriculture; Emergency Shelter; Revocable Permits

Description:

Authorizes the board of land and natural resources to issue
revocable month to month temporary permits for the temporary
emergency sheltering of and facilities for homeless persons on
state lands, under certain conditions. Repeals 06/30/2022.
(HD1)

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