

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING HYGIENE CENTERS IN THE CITY FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

WHEREAS, the homeless population in Honolulu is in need of accessible services and facilities for their basic hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, the lack of public restrooms may cause homeless persons to resort to the inappropriate use of public places to take care of their bodily needs, resulting in public health and hygiene issues; and

WHEREAS, further, the lack of shower and laundry facilities can be a barrier for a homeless person seeking or attempting to maintain employment; and

WHEREAS, hygiene centers specifically designed for homeless persons have been established in certain cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Seattle, the Urban Rest Stop provides free toilet, shower, and laundry facilities for homeless men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Rest Stop is open seven days a week and has extended hours to assist homeless persons who are working or are seeking employment; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Rest Stop is operated by a nonprofit organization and is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Seattle, and private donations; and

WHEREAS, providing homeless persons with access to essential hygiene services through the establishment of hygiene centers would improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and address City public health issues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City administration is requested to study the feasibility of establishing hygiene centers in the City for homeless persons; and



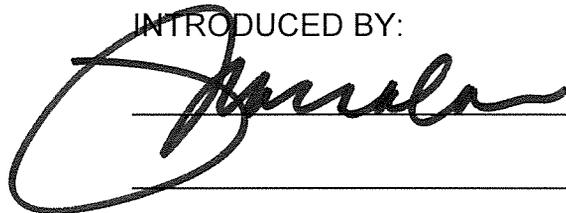
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope of the City administration's study shall include, but not be limited to, the viability of providing City funding or City-owned property, especially in the downtown Honolulu area, for the establishment of hygiene centers and collaborating with homeless service providers and nonprofit organizations for the operation of such centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City administration is requested to transmit its findings and recommendations to the Council no later than 90 days after the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 13 2013
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers