

## Homelessness

How much will the homeless population on Hawaii grow? The more homeless that inhabit the streets, the greater the number of problems will be unless something is done. The amount continues to grow as other states continue to send their homeless here. Free shuttles to homeless shelters can help reduce the amount of people living on the streets. A service or system that cleans up and clothes the homeless for job interviews.

The other states sending homeless to Hawaii is slowly adding to the already massive amount of homeless that already live on the streets. If this continues, then there will be homeless on almost all the streets in fifty years. One solution would be to find some way to limit or stop other states from sending homeless to Hawaii, with laws. Alternatively, there could be a system where the homeless that the state sent could stay in Hawaii as long as the state pays for the person's basic needs. For example, the state sends a person to Hawaii and pays for that person's rent and provides a small allowance, until that person is able to support themselves. With enough time, this aspect of the problem can be solved.

Transportation fees from shuttles or busses may be a contributing factor towards homeless on the streets. In fifty years, rural areas may also be flooded with homeless people that are unable to pay for transportation fees to a shelter. People in the city may have an easier time walking to homeless shelters and paying for any overnight fees, since the price usually is relatively cheap. However, any homeless people in the rural areas may have trouble getting to homeless shelters due to the distance between them and the shelter. The people there may be able

to pay for the overnight fee, but transportation like busses have fees that might just be too expensive for the homeless. With free transportation, more homeless people will be able to access shelters so they do not have to sleep outside.

A system where homeless people are cleaned and properly clothed for job interviews would help them have a better chance at securing a job. Some problems that occur when a homeless person attempts to apply for a job may be their appearance or odor. The damaged clothes that they might be wearing might affect the employer's decision to hire the person. The same problem happens with odor, as homeless people usually do not have an available shower all the time. With a free shower and a cheap rented suit, homeless people might be able to secure a job easier, since they would seem more professional.

This connects to Clarence T.C Ching's vision because this will make Hawaii a better place. With the growing amount of homeless people living on the streets, the beauty of Hawaii is diminished. If there were no homeless people, then the streets would be a little cleaner, look nicer, and more people would be happy. These solutions would not only make Hawaii look more appealing, but more people would have a chance to sustain themselves with a job. If not, then people would at least have a place to sleep.

The growing amount of homeless people on the streets also presents many problems that keep growing bigger. States sending homeless to Hawaii are making the problem worse. A free transport system for the homeless will allow more people to access shelters. A system that prepares homeless for job interviews will aide in homeless being able to support themselves better. As it stands now, the homeless problem is still and will continue to be a problem, but if these solutions are accomplished, the amount of homeless should decrease considerably.