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## **Relocation of Oahu Community Correctional Center**

The Department of Public Safety has identified four final sites that will undergo further in-depth study via the Environmental Impact Process to possibly relocate the Oahu Community Correctional Center. The four sites are as follows:

- Animal Quarantine Facility— Halawa
- Oahu Community Correctional Center—Kalihi
- Halawa Correctional Facility—Halawa
- Mililani Technology Park—Mililani

The Correctional Justice Task Force, a thirteen-member task force established to study effective incarceration policies to improve Hawaii's correctional system, recently recommended that the Department of Public Safety delay its plans to build a new correctional center. According to the task force, policies are currently being studied to reduce the incarceration rate and the jail population which will have direct impact on the type and location of the facility.

Based on the task force's recommendations, I introduced SCR169 and SR83 which request the Department of Public Safety to delay plans to build a new correctional facility on Oahu until the task force issues its final report that will provide a comprehensive road map for reforming Hawaii's correctional system. The resolutions have been referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs (PSM), which is chaired by Sen. Clarence Nishihara. If it is passed out of PSM, the resolutions will then move on to the Committee on Ways and Means for additional consideration.

The deadline to post SCRs with double referrals for hearing is Friday, March 24th. I ask for your support on SCR169 and SR83 by calling Sen. Nishihara at (808) 586-6970 or by emailing him at sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov and request that he posts the resolutions for hearing.