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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO REPORT ON THE  
OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS AT HAWAII'S JAILS AND PRISONS AND  
THE HOUSING OF HAWAII'S INMATES AT MAINLAND FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, jails and prisons in Hawaii are chronically  
2 overcrowded with no projections that there will be a decrease in  
3 the inmate population; and

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5           WHEREAS, the State invests significant resources to house  
6 inmates at private mainland facilities in an attempt to ease  
7 overcrowding; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Corrections Division of the Department of  
10 Public Safety currently houses 1,853 inmates in private mainland  
11 facilities and plans to send an additional 676 inmates to be  
12 housed at private mainland facilities; and

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14           WHEREAS, during the 2005 Regular Session the Legislature  
15 appropriated \$39,576,120 for fiscal year 2005-2006 and  
16 \$40,724,428 for fiscal year 2006-2007 to the Department of  
17 Public Safety for mainland prison contracts; and

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19           WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has requested an  
20 additional \$12,133,586 for fiscal year 2006-2007, for costs  
21 related to the transportation and housing of Hawaii's inmates at  
22 private mainland facilities; and

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24           WHEREAS, the Corrections Division of the Department of  
25 Public Safety views the leasing of bed space at private mainland  
26 facilities as a long-term solution to the problem of chronic  
27 overcrowding; and

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29           WHEREAS, in light of recent events involving Hawaii's  
30 inmates at private mainland facilities, the Legislature is  
31 concerned about the welfare and treatment of Hawaii's inmates  
32 incarcerated in private mainland facilities; and



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2 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Department of Public Safety updated  
3 the Corrections Master Plan and, to this day, has taken no  
4 action on the issue of overcrowding and the expansion of its  
5 current facilities; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned with the lack of  
8 action by the Department of Public Safety to meet the challenges  
9 of projected increases in the inmate population and the return  
10 of Hawaii's inmates to the State; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Public  
15 Safety, is requested to submit a report on the Department's six-  
16 year plan to ease overcrowding in the State's prisons and jails;  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
20 the report include, but not limited to:

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22 (1) Summaries of all contract monitoring trips, including  
23 concerns and issues raised during these monitoring  
24 trips;  
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26 (2) Action plans to address the concerns and issues raised  
27 during these monitoring trips;  
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29 (3) Projections for leasing bed spaces in private mainland  
30 facilities and associated costs;  
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32 (4) Plans for the future expansion of existing jails and  
33 prisons on all islands; and  
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35 (5) Plans for the future construction of new facilities,  
36 type of facilities (medium security, high security,  
37 detention, non-violent crimes, treatment), expected  
38 appropriation requests and amounts, and projected  
39 timelines; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Safety  
42 is requested to submit the Director's findings and  
43 recommendations to the Legislature, including any implementing



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1 legislation, not less than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2007; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
6 Director of Public Safety.  
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