
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF ALCOHOL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, SEX OFFENDER, SEX ABUSE VICTIM, AND MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH.

1 WHEREAS, incarcerated youth may have experienced or
2 witnessed violence, trauma, alcohol and substance abuse, sex
3 abuse, or depression in their lives prior to being committed to
4 the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; and

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6 WHEREAS, these youths may require individual counseling and
7 treatment to help them deal with problems stemming from these
8 issues; and

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10 WHEREAS, current educational, treatment, and aftercare
11 programs to address these issues are lacking or inadequate at
12 the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; and

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14 WHEREAS, a continuum of services that includes assessment,
15 program planning, education, treatment, residential transition,
16 community reintegration, and aftercare are key components to a
17 comprehensive approach to working with juvenile offenders; and

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19 WHEREAS, as an example, the State of Missouri Division of
20 Youth Services has employed a distinctive approach to juvenile
21 corrections by relying on group process and personal
22 development, rather than punishment and isolation; and

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24 WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has achieved far more
25 success than many other states in reducing the future
26 criminality of youthful offenders, with exceptionally low
27 recidivism rates that show seventy per cent of youth released in
28 1999 avoided recommitment to a correctional facility within
29 three years; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2006, that the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility is
 4 requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of providing a
 5 continuum of programs and services relating to alcohol and
 6 substance abuse, sex offender, sex abuse victim, medical and
 7 mental health for incarcerated youth; and

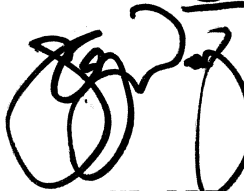
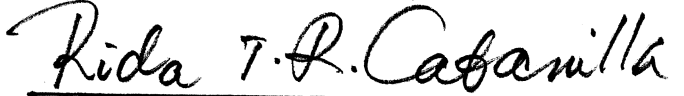

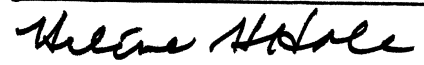
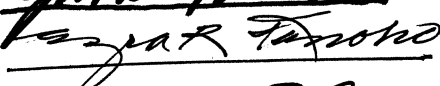
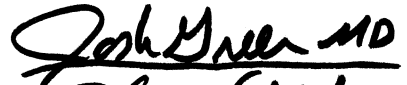

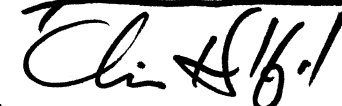
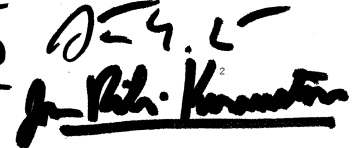


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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Youth Correctional
 10 Facility is requested to consider the State of Missouri Division
 11 of Youth Services as a best practice model, along with other
 12 noteworthy evidence-based practices throughout the country, and
 13 act to change staffing patterns, invest in staff training, build
 14 case management and family counseling capabilities, and use
 15 community-based services to monitor and support teens after they
 16 leave custody; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
 19 Services is requested to provide any administrative, technical,
 20 financial and other professional staff support needed by the
 21 Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility in carrying out this study;
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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Youth Correctional
 25 Facility is requested to report findings and recommendations and
 26 the status of its existing and potential programs, along with
 27 any proposed legislation, if necessary, to the Legislature no
 28 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2007
 29 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
 33 State of Hawaii, the Director of Human Services, the
 34 Administrator of the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, and the
 35 Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services.

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