
HOUSE 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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1 WHEREAS, in 2003, the Department of Public Safety updated
2 the Corrections Master Plan and, to this day, has taken no
3 action on the issue of overcrowding and the expansion of its
4 current facilities; and

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

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2006, that the Director of Public Safety, is requested to
14 submit a report on the Department's six-year plan to ease
15 overcrowding in the State's prisons and jails; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
18 the report include, but not limited to:

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20 (1) Summaries of all contract monitoring trips, including
21 concerns and issues raised during these monitoring
22 trips;
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24 (2) Action plans to address the concerns and issues raised
25 during these monitoring trips;
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27 (3) Projections for leasing bed spaces in private mainland
28 facilities and associated costs;
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30 (4) Plans for the future expansion of existing jails and
31 prisons on all islands; and
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33 (5) Plans for the future construction of new facilities,
34 type of facilities (medium security, high security,
35 detention, non-violent crimes, treatment), expected
36 appropriation requests and amounts, and projected
37 timelines; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Safety
40 is requested to submit the Director's findings and
41 recommendations to the Legislature, including any implementing
42 legislation, not less than twenty days prior to the convening of
43 the Regular Session of 2007; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
 3 Public Safety.
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