

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 57

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
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State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 57 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF A PLANNED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LOCATED ON PUUNENE ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to submit a report on the status of the planned correctional facility located in Puunene, Maui.

DPS provided comments.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's jails and prisons are extremely overcrowded, including the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC). To address MCCC's situation, the Legislature granted DPS money to plan and design a new facility located in Maui with land in Puunene being a feasible option.

However, the Legislature is unaware of DPS's progress or the status of DPS's expansion, design, and construction plans. Therefore, a report to the Legislature on DPS's progress will be beneficial to know how the money is being spent and if concerns or problems exist that need to be addressed.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 57 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



