

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3546

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2006

RE: S.R. No. 75

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.R. No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SELLING THE LAND COMPRISING THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ON KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY AND MOVING TO THE SITE OF THE ANIMAL QUARANTINE CENTER IN HALAWA OR ADJACENT STATE LAND NEAR THE CURRENT HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study on selling the land under the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) and moving the facility to the site of the Animal Quarantine Center in Halawa or to adjacent state land near Halawa Correctional Center.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's prison system is bursting at the seams with a swelling inmate population, resulting in the imposition of inmate transfers to mainland prisons in order to control an otherwise extreme over-capacity. Additionally, OCCC is sited on land that has been described as being highly valued and a possible attractive investment opportunity. The Animal Quarantine Center is used far less than formerly as a result of the popular five-day rabies quarantine program initiated in June 2003.

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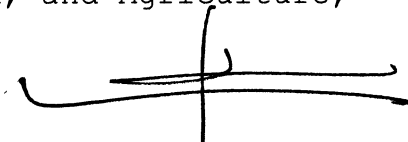
Therefore, a study is needed to determine the best use of the land under OCCC and the land under the Animal Quarantine Center in Halawa, and whether OCCC could be moved to the site of the Animal Quarantine Center or state land adjacent to Halawa Correction Center.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 75 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair

