
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HAWAII COURTS TO ALLOW A SENTENCING
OPTION FOR REPEAT DRUG OFFENDERS OR DRUG RELATED OFFENDERS
TO ATTEND THE SECOND CHANCE CENTER PROGRAM AT THE SECURE
DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

1 WHEREAS, the Second Chance Center / Second Chance Program
2 (SCC/SCP) is a highly specialized, state-wide, secure, long-
3 term, multijurisdictional facility which provides Federal,
4 state, tribal, magistrate and metro court judges with an
5 alternative to jail/prison in a secure environment; and
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7 WHEREAS, candidate eligibility criteria for acceptance in
8 the SCC includes that the subject:
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- 10 (1) Must be male;
11 (2) Must exhibit a serious substance abuse problem;
12 (3) Must be facing, or have remaining on his sentence at
13 least six (6) months, preferably one year;
14 (4) Must not have any serious medical issues, be under
15 psychiatric care or on psychotropic drugs;
16 (5) Must not be facing charges involving a serious violent
17 offense;
18 (6) Must not be a sex offender;
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22 WHEREAS, the Second Chance Program (SCP) utilizes a
23 cognitive-behavioral therapy approach, emphasizing positive
24 change through the development of pro-social attitudes such as
25 self control, critical reasoning, development of moral reasoning
26 skills, development of life skills, self esteem, problem
27 solving, coping resources; and
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29 WHEREAS, the SCP utilizes four modules:
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- (1) The Drug Rehabilitation Module, where withdrawal from drugs and a reformatting of the drug "biochemical personality" is accomplished by using vitamins, minerals, and specialized techniques to decrease the trauma associated with addictive drug withdrawal, as well as a sauna-based body detoxification regimen;
- (2) The Education Module, which uses the breakthrough study technology from Applied Scholastics International, permitting individuals to be trained at high levels of proficiency; and
- (3) The Self Respect Module, which addresses personal ethics and the exact reason a person began his criminal activity; and
- (4) The Life Skills Module, which prepares and equips patients for reintegration into the world;

and;

WHEREAS, the costs of the criminal justice system continue to escalate despite a decreasing crime rate, and the SCC model was created to add a previously missing element in the rehabilitation continuum for offenders; and

WHEREAS, evidence based data shows governments at federal, state, county and local levels are faced with rising criminal justice costs, increasing jail and prison populations, flat to slightly increasing recidivism rates of 67% or more, and a steadily increasing number of inmates released annually; and

WHEREAS, over the last 25 years, studies have shown that treatment works to reduce drug use and crimes committed by drug-dependent individuals, and that drug abusers who have been through treatment are more likely to have jobs; and

WHEREAS, drug treatment programs in prisons can succeed in preventing patient's return to criminal behavior, particularly if they are linked to community-based programs that continue treatment when the client leaves prison; and

WHEREAS, the economic cost of drug abuse in 2002 was estimated at \$180.9 billion, representing the use of resources

1 to address health and crime consequences as well as the loss of
2 potential productivity from disability, death and withdrawal
3 from the legitimate workforce; and
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5 WHEREAS, the costs of drug abuse have increased an average
6 of 5.3% per year from 1992 through 2002, being slightly more
7 than the 5.1% annual growth in the gross domestic product for
8 the entire economy; and
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10 WHEREAS, since 1995, SCP has worked extensively with the
11 Department of Corrections for the State of Baja California,
12 Mexico, in the development and implementation of a prison-based
13 drug and criminal rehabilitation program in Ensenada State
14 Prison (which currently houses 1,000 inmates), and an
15 independent ongoing analysis of the State's recidivism rates by
16 the University of Baja, since the inception of the SCP and over
17 a six-year period, has shown a drop from 83% to under 10% for
18 those who participated in even part of the SCP; and
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20 WHEREAS, the program has resulted in a drop in prison
21 violence and a dramatic increase in the safety of staff, with
22 the Attorney General of Baja and the Chief of Police of Ensenada
23 reporting a 55% reduction in the community wide crime-rate,
24 which they attribute solely to the Second Chance Program; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Ensenada Prison was one of the worst prisons
27 in North America with a high level of prison violence and 90%
28 heroin drug use by the inmates; and
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30 WHEREAS, due to SCP's success, the Baja California
31 government expanded the program to all its facilities, including
32 the infamous Tijuana Prison, resulting in a 15% rehabilitation
33 rate in just sixteen months, and later, over the course of six
34 years, the treatment of of 4,000 inmates, with 2,000 persons
35 being released from prison; and
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37 WHEREAS, these results have been achieved at extremely low
38 costs in comparison to the traditional attempts at combined drug
39 and crime rehabilitation using expensive, radical, chronic drug
40 therapy and third party counseling, estimated at \$55.00/client,
41 much lower than the current cost of incarceration in the State
42 Hawaii; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that this body
4 respectfully requests Hawaii courts to allow a sentencing option
5 for local repeat drug offenders or drug-related offenders to
6 attend the Second Chance Center Program at the secure drug
7 treatment facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico, so long as they
8 meet the basic eligibility requirements; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to:
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- 13 (1) The Hawaii Judiciary;
- 14 (2) The Hawaii State Attorney General;
- 15 (3) The US Attorney General;
- 16 (4) The Governor of the State of Hawaii;
- 17 (5) The Governor of the State of New Mexico;
- 18 (6) The Hawaii Department of Corrections;
- 19 (7) The Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
- 20 (8) The University of Hawaii;
- 21 (9) The Federation of American Scientists;
- 22 (10) The International Criminal Police Organization
23 (INTERPOL);
- 24 (11) EUROPOL;
- 25 (12) The President of the United States of America.
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