
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Oahu community correctional center is the
2 largest prison in the State and is situated on sixteen acres in
3 urban Honolulu. The Oahu community correctional center has a
4 history of overcrowding and currently houses over fourteen
5 hundred men and women inmates, including pretrial detainees,
6 persons arrested who cannot make bail, or persons being held
7 without bail until their trials. The Oahu community
8 correctional center is not a functional building to accommodate
9 the size of the current inmate population and was originally
10 constructed to accommodate a much smaller inmate population.
11 According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Hawaii's prison
12 population has grown from nine hundred eighty-five in 1980, to
13 five thousand four hundred fifty-four in 2002.

14 The purpose of this Act is to review the feasibility of
15 selling the Oahu community correctional center in order to build
16 a new facility in a different location to accommodate and manage
17 the continued growth of the inmate population.

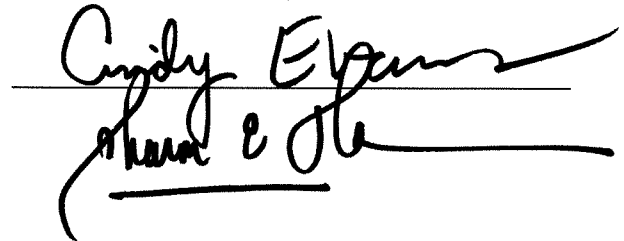


1 SECTION 2. The department of public safety and the office
2 of planning shall review the public safety properties along the
3 proposed rail transit line, assess the market values of these
4 public safety properties, and consider the sale of the Oahu
5 community correctional center in order to build a new facility.
6 A status report shall be filed by the department of public
7 safety and the office of planning not later than twenty days of
8 the convening of the 2008 legislature indicating the results and
9 recommendations of the review.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Public Safety; Oahu Community Correctional Center

Description:

Requires a feasibility review regarding the sale of the Oahu community correctional center in order to build a new facility in a different location to accommodate and manage the continued growth of the inmate population.

