
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH
A STATEWIDE INMATE CONSERVATION CORPS PILOT PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
2 Youth Conservation Corps program helps participants develop a
3 sense of stewardship of the land and build valuable work
4 experience through community service, training, and education;
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7 WHEREAS, a similar program using Hawaii correction
8 facilities' inmates as conservation corps participants could
9 work to protect and preserve Hawaii's natural environment and
10 would prove to be beneficial for the state; and

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12 WHEREAS, inmates who have earned community custody status
13 can be educated and trained to help manage and protect Hawaii's
14 natural resources; and

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16 WHEREAS, an inmate conservation corps can provide
17 assistance with trail maintenance, native plant restoration,
18 invasive species control, wildlife management, fence building,
19 stream and coastal restoration, and other conservation work; and

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21 WHEREAS, being part of a conservation corps would encourage
22 leadership, teamwork, communication, and responsibility among
23 the inmate participants; and

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25 WHEREAS, an inmate conservation corps would ideally include
26 activities that promote:

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28 (1) The importance of responsibility, dependability,
29 punctuality, and good attendance;



- 1 (2) Worksite relations skills, including taking
- 2 constructive criticism, working cooperatively with
- 3 other corps members and staff, and western and
- 4 traditional Hawaiian job skills;
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- 6 (3) Life skills training, including instruction in
- 7 conflict resolution, job search skills, personal money
- 8 management, goal setting, and decision-making; and
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- 10 (4) Education for 20 hours each week on subjects such as
- 11 genealogy, Hawaiian language and traditional
- 12 practices, reading, math, communication skills,
- 13 English language proficiency, academic preparation,
- 14 and work-specific skills;

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16 now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
21 Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Department of Public
22 Safety (PSD) are requested to develop a plan to establish a
23 statewide Inmate Conservation Corps Pilot Program (Pilot
24 Program) to perform resource conservation projects, including
25 forest fire prevention, forest and watershed management,
26 maintenance of recreation areas, fish and game management, soil
27 conservation, forest and watershed re-vegetation, preventive
28 maintenance or reconstruction of levees, or any other work
29 necessary to prevent flood damage; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD are requested to
32 suggest qualifications for participation in the Pilot Program,
33 taking into consideration such factors as security risks,
34 education, and physical fitness; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD are requested to
37 determine estimated staffing and transportation requirements to
38 implement the Pilot Program; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD should establish
41 annual costs that would be incurred and any outside funding
42 sources, including available grants and subsidies that could be
43 secured to offset these costs, and possible fees collected for
44 the work provided by the Pilot Program; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD are requested to
2 present their plan for a Pilot Program in a joint report to the
3 Legislature including proposed legislation, if any, no later
4 than 30 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2009; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
9 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of Public Safety,
10 and the respective Mayors of Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai
11 County, and the City and County of Honolulu.

