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# HOUSE 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;  
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31 (2) Worksite relations skills, including taking  
32 constructive criticism, working cooperatively with  
33 other corps members and staff, and western and  
34 traditional Hawaiian job skills;



- 1 (3) Life skills training, including instruction in
- 2 conflict resolution, job search skills, personal money
- 3 management, goal setting, and decision-making; and
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- 5 (4) Education for 20 hours each week on subjects such as
- 6 genealogy, Hawaiian language and traditional
- 7 practices, reading, math, communication skills,
- 8 English language proficiency, academic preparation,
- 9 and work-specific skills;

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11 now, therefore,

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

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

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD are requested to  
32 determine estimated staffing and transportation requirements to  
33 implement the Pilot Program; and

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

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR and PSD are requested to  
42 present their plan for a Pilot Program in a joint report to the  
43 Legislature including proposed legislation, if any, no later



1 than 30 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
2 2009; and

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

