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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PLAN FOR THE SALE OF THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER SITE AND USE OF THE PROCEEDS TO CONSTRUCT REPLACEMENT FACILITIES ELSEWHERE ON OAHU.

1           WHEREAS, according to the Department of Public Safety, the  
2 Oahu Community Correctional Center, which is located in Kalihi,  
3 had an inmate population count of 1,149 as of December 3, 2007;  
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6           WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center includes  
7 the Laumaka Work Furlough Center that is located on a separate,  
8 but nearby parcel of property; and

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10           WHEREAS, the population of the Oahu Community Correctional  
11 Center is comprised primarily of pre-trial detainees, sentenced  
12 felons and misdemeanants, and probation and parole violators;  
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15           WHEREAS, the most recent ten-year correctional master plan,  
16 which was issued in December 2003, projects that over the next  
17 ten years, the island of Oahu will need twice the capacity that  
18 the Oahu Community Correctional Center can currently provide;  
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21           WHEREAS, the 2003 master plan, however, is cautious about  
22 expanding the Oahu Community Correctional Center, noting that  
23 due to the age of its buildings and its prime location, a more  
24 cost effective and economically desirable use of the facilities  
25 and land may be preferable; and

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27           WHEREAS, the 2003 master plan suggests that the Oahu  
28 Community Correctional Center site be sold, and the proceeds  
29 used to construct either:

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31           (1) A more modern, larger community correctional center at  
32 another site; or

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1 (2) A facility closer to downtown-area courts for pre-  
2 trial detainees and another facility elsewhere on Oahu  
3 for sentenced inmates; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the suggestion has considerable merit and should  
6 be implemented; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2008, that the Department of Public Safety is  
11 requested to plan for the sale of the Oahu Community  
12 Correctional Center site and use of the proceeds to construct  
13 either:  
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15 (1) A new community correctional center elsewhere on Oahu;  
16 or  
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18 (2) A facility closer to downtown-area courts for pre-  
19 trial detainees and another facility elsewhere on Oahu  
20 for sentenced inmates; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
23 is also requested to provide a timeline for the implementation  
24 of the sale of the Oahu Community Correctional Center site and  
25 the construction of the new facility or facilities; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
28 and General Services is requested to assist the Department of  
29 Public Safety with the actions requested by this Resolution; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
32 is requested to submit a report on the requested planning  
33 activities to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
34 the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety and  
 3 the Comptroller.  
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