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# 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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**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.

