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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RESEARCH AND STUDY  
EARLY PAROLE ELIGIBILITY PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE THE MINIMUM  
PERIOD OF TIME THAT HAWAII INMATES MUST WAIT TO BECOME  
ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

1           WHEREAS, many correctional jurisdictions in the United  
2 States use an incentive system that rewards inmates for positive  
3 behavior while incarcerated; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of inmates is an important step  
6 in the process of enabling the inmates to successfully reenter  
7 the community; and  
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9           WHEREAS, a report and recommendation by the Department of  
10 Public Safety on an appropriate early parole eligibility program  
11 for Hawaii inmates incarcerated in Hawaii and on the mainland  
12 would be the first step in providing the inmates with an  
13 opportunity to reduce their length of incarceration; and  
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15           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would be a  
16 powerful tool in providing an incentive for inmates to behave in  
17 a positive manner; and  
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19           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would  
20 encourage inmate participation in rehabilitation programs that  
21 assist the inmates in reentering the community; and  
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23           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would help  
24 relieve inmate overcrowding; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
28 that the Department of Public Safety is requested to research  
29 and study early parole eligibility programs established under  
30 the laws of other jurisdictions in order to report  
31 recommendations to the Legislature on the issues related to  
32 establishing an early parole eligibility program for Hawaii  
33 inmates incarcerated in Hawaii and on the mainland; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public  
2 Safety's recommendations are requested to incorporate analysis  
3 and assessment of the appropriate criteria to be used for an  
4 early parole eligibility program for Hawaii inmates incarcerated  
5 in Hawaii and on the mainland; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
8 is requested to report its findings, conclusions, and  
9 recommendations regarding early parole eligibility programs,  
10 including recommendations for proposed legislation that may be  
11 required, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
12 the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii  
16 and the Director of Public Safety.

