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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF BUILDING AN INTAKE  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE DISTRICT OF NORTH OR SOUTH  
KONA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the population of Kona is increasing and, along  
2 with it, the pressure on correctional facilities is increasing  
3 as well; and  
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5           WHEREAS, after arraignment in Kona, an accused person who  
6 is detained pending trial must currently be transported to jail  
7 in Hilo because there is no facility in Kona to house people  
8 waiting for a court date; and  
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10           WHEREAS, transporting people between the correctional  
11 facility in Hilo and court in Kona results in high costs to the  
12 State; and  
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14           WHEREAS, transporting prisoners requires a minimum of two  
15 guards per inmate and, in the case of a female prisoner being  
16 transported, the two guards must be female correctional  
17 officers; and  
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19           WHEREAS, watch captains must often reassign posts to cover  
20 the guards who are escorting inmates to and from Kona, resulting  
21 in overtime costs; and  
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23           WHEREAS, transporting inmates to and from Kona also results  
24 in extra maintenance and repair costs for vehicles; now,  
25 therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
30 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the costs and benefits



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1 of building an intake correctional center, capable of  
2 accommodating up to thirty persons awaiting trial, in the  
3 District of North or South Kona on the island of Hawaii; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
6 and the Department of Accounting and General Services are  
7 requested to cooperate with and provide whatever assistance and  
8 information to the Legislative Reference Bureau as may be  
9 requested; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
12 Bureau is requested to submit its report to the Legislature no  
13 later than twenty day prior to the convening of the Regular  
14 Session of 2010; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
18 Legislative Reference Bureau, the Comptroller, and the Director  
19 of Public Safety.  
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OFFERED BY:



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