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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO UNDERTAKE A  
FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATED TO INMATE RE-INTEGRATION.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's prisons are so over-crowded that  
2 prisoners are being sent to the mainland United States,  
3 effectively severing them from their families and other support  
4 systems; and

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6           WHEREAS, a recent report found that many inmates currently  
7 being held in facilities on the mainland United States meet the  
8 requirements for community-based treatment; and

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10          WHEREAS, there is a large number of inmates in Hawaii's two  
11 minimum security prisons who qualify for re-integration  
12 programs, including community release programs; and

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14          WHEREAS, re-integration programs include work release,  
15 community service, and workline programs; and

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17          WHEREAS, inmates who are a minimum security risk have shown  
18 they can function in the community under direct supervision; and

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20          WHEREAS, re-integration programs have been shown to reduce  
21 recidivism rates by providing inmates with the tools to  
22 effectively function in the community while maintaining the  
23 safety of the community; and

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25          WHEREAS, inmates can access adequate support systems and  
26 make a positive contribution to society through re-integration  
27 programs; and

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29          WHEREAS, re-integration programs provide mutually  
30 beneficial results for inmates and the community by creating  
31 more business and work opportunities; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Public  
 4 Safety (DPS) is requested to study the feasibility of:

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- 6 (1) Adopting a policy that mandates all inmates to
- 7 participate in in-facility programs, including
- 8 workline programs; and
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- 10 (2) Increasing the scope and number of workline programs
- 11 it currently operates at its prison and jail
- 12 facilities;

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DPS is requested to report its  
 17 findings, including cost implications, statutory or other legal  
 18 impediments, and proposals for new legislation if necessary, to  
 19 the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of  
 20 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public  
 24 Safety and the Director of Human Resources Development.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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