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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A BIG ISLAND
JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, authorities that detain juveniles on the Big
2 Island for legal infractions or other criminal violations have
3 limited options on where to hold the juvenile in custody after
4 the point of arrest; and
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6 WHEREAS, numerous County of Hawaii agencies have entered
7 into a Memorandum of Agreement for mandatory participation in
8 establishing a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center
9 that is dedicated solely for servicing at-risk and delinquent
10 juveniles and their families; and
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12 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are in need of a facility
13 to house and hold juvenile offenders in a safe and secure manner
14 that consequently allows the law enforcement officers to proceed
15 with their patrol duties; and
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17 WHEREAS, a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center
18 would provide temporary non-police supervision to arrested
19 juveniles who cannot be returned to their homes because of drug,
20 alcohol, or mental health problems, or family issues; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 2006 there were over 2,350 juveniles arrested
23 on the Big Island; and
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25 WHEREAS, various stakeholders and supporters of a Big
26 Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center have already
27 completed a thorough business plan that identifies the necessary
28 startup and annual operating costs for the Center; and
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30 WHEREAS, the various stakeholders, supporters, and County
31 of Hawaii agencies are ready to move forward with a pilot
32 program at a facility in Pahoehoe that can be implemented at less



1 than a third of the cost of the comprehensive Big Island
2 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center initiative; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment
5 Center will focus on new prevention and intervention strategies
6 that utilize numerous County of Hawaii agencies in treating and
7 servicing juvenile offenders; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
12 affirms the need to establish a Big Island Juvenile Intake and
13 Assessment Center and encourages the stakeholders to build upon
14 the initiatives and momentum created by numerous County of
15 Hawaii agencies in developing the concept for a Big Island
16 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although current economic
19 constraints prevent the State from appropriating funding at this
20 time to establish a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment
21 Center, the Legislature affirms its present and future support
22 of continued efforts to establish and develop a Big Island
23 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor
27 of Hawaii County, Chair of the Board of Education, Director of
28 Health, Director of Human Services, the Probation Office of the
29 Third Circuit Judicial District, the County of Hawaii Police
30 Department, the County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting
31 Attorney, and the County of Hawaii Office of the Public
32 Defender.
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