
SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, authorities that detain juveniles on the island of
2 Hawaii 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, law enforcement officers are in need of a facility
7 to house and hold juvenile offenders in a safe and secure manner
8 that consequently allows the law enforcement officers to proceed
9 with their patrol duties; and

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11 WHEREAS, numerous County of Hawaii agencies have entered
12 into a Memorandum of Agreement for mandatory participation in
13 establishing a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center
14 that is dedicated solely to servicing at-risk and delinquent
15 juveniles and their families; 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 island of Hawaii; 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 Pahoa that can be implemented at less
33 than a third of the cost of the comprehensive Big Island
34 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center initiative; and

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