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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL  
DETENTION CENTER IN HONOLULU TO RESTORE INMATE WORKLINES AT  
THE CENTER.

1       WHEREAS, worklines at correctional facilities can offer  
2 inmates a better chance at successfully transitioning back into  
3 society and becoming productive, responsible residents of our  
4 state; and

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6       WHEREAS, inmates involved in these programs receive  
7 training in various skills, such as landscaping, motor vehicle  
8 repair and maintenance, heavy equipment operation, and  
9 construction, and may also be tasked with laundry and kitchen  
10 work; and

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12       WHEREAS, by carrying out community service projects such as  
13 restoring housing projects and building playgrounds, inmates are  
14 encouraged to develop stronger ties to the community; and

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16       WHEREAS, the State may also benefit from substantial  
17 monetary savings by using cost-effective inmate labor to fulfill  
18 its commitments; and

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20       WHEREAS, worklines represent a vital piece of the broad  
21 effort to approach corrections as more than simply punishment,  
22 to support the idea that strong rehabilitation efforts will help  
23 reduce recidivism, thereby reducing the financial burdens on the  
24 State imposed by incarceration as well as improving the well-  
25 being of our communities; and

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27       WHEREAS, unfortunately, the actions of certain inmates  
28 sometimes jeopardize the opportunities for the rest of the  
29 inmates in the workline who are innocent of any wrongdoing; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the workline at the Federal Detention Center in  
2 Honolulu has been suspended due to such problems; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the inmates who  
5 have behaved appropriately, and in the best interests of the  
6 state, to address this situation and find a way to reinstate the  
7 workline; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2010, that the Department of Public Safety is urged to work  
12 with the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu to restore the  
13 inmate workline at the Center; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety and  
17 the Director of the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu.  
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