
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IDENTIFY UP TO FIVE HUNDRED INMATES WHO COULD BE INVOLVED IN A DAY REPORTING CENTER AND BE MONITORED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PER DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently has over six thousand offenders
2 incarcerated with about two thousand serving their prison
3 sentences on the mainland; and
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5 WHEREAS, many offenders are incarcerated due to technical
6 violations of their parole and not for committing another
7 felony; and
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9 WHEREAS, many offenders are incarcerated due to
10 insufficient timely programming or lack of furlough bed spaces
11 to assist in their final transition; and
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13 WHEREAS, many inmates are non-violent low risk offenders
14 who could be placed in community-based programming with proper
15 oversight; and
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17 WHEREAS, twenty-four seven global positioning system (GPS)
18 electronic monitoring can also be utilized by the Department of
19 Public Safety to monitor offenders outside of prison facilities;
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22 WHEREAS, day reporting centers have been successful in
23 jurisdictions across the nation which allows offenders to report
24 back or check-in to public safety officials on a consistent
25 basis and be involved in programming; and
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27 WHEREAS, consistent drug testing can also be a deterrent
28 for offenders who are released from prison; and
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1 WHEREAS, there are many non-profits and churches which are
2 willing to volunteer with and assist offenders who have been
3 released from prison; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State currently spends approximately \$134 per
6 day to house an inmate in Hawaii and approximately \$74 a day to
7 house an inmate on the mainland; and
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9 WHEREAS, tax dollars spent on the mainland to house inmates
10 would benefit Hawaii if those dollars can be redirected locally
11 in programs, staff, and facilities; and
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13 WHEREAS, alternatives to incarceration in a prison or jail
14 are less expensive for taxpayers; and
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16 WHEREAS, alternatives to incarceration can be more
17 beneficial for those offenders with children and families; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
23 Public Safety and the Hawaii Paroling Authority are requested to
24 identify up to five hundred inmates by the December 1, 2010 who
25 could be involved in a day reporting center and/or also be
26 monitored through twenty-four seven electronic means; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
29 is requested to develop a plan to add more offenders in the
30 Expanded Work Furlough Program; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
33 is requested to look into establishing a day reporting center at
34 the Oahu Community Correctional Center and at Halawa
35 Correctional Facility by using existing space or erecting pre-
36 fabricated modular buildings on site; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
39 look at early release programs in other jurisdictions that have
40 successfully released offenders into the community as stated in
41 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 125, S.D. 1, 2008, "Requesting
42 The Department Of Public Safety To Research And Study Early
43 Parole Eligibility Programs That Reduce The Minimum Period Of



1 Time That Hawaii Inmates Must Wait To Become Eligible For
2 Parole"; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
5 aggressively collaborate with churches, non-profits, and other
6 entities that are willing to provide free assistance and service
7 to the State in these difficult economic times; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
10 and the Hawaii Paroling Authority report to the Legislature on
11 the progress made in implementing this measure no later than
12 December 31, 2010, including the following information:

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14 (1) The number of paroles revoked for technical violations
15 and the nature of those violations;
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17 (2) The number inmates and parolees eligible for release;
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19 (3) A plan to increase the number of individuals on the
20 Expanded Work Furlough Program;
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22 (4) The feasibility of establishing a day reporting center
23 at the Oahu Community Correctional Center and the
24 Halawa Correctional Facility;
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26 (5) A description of successful early release and re-entry
27 programs in other jurisdictions; and
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29 (6) A plan to expand connections with community churches
30 and organizations to facilitate the reintegration of
31 formerly incarcerated individuals; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the
35 Director of Public Safety, and the Administrator of the Hawaii
36 Paroling Authority.

