
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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



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

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