
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY TO IDENTIFY UP TO FIVE HUNDRED NON-VIOLENT INMATES WHO COULD BE INVOLVED IN A DAY REPORTING CENTER, BE MONITORED VIA TWENTY-FOUR HOUR/SEVEN DAYS A WEEK GPS ELECTRONIC MONITORING, BE INCLUDED IN AN EXTENDED WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAM, AND/OR BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM.

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, allowing 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



1 WHEREAS, there are non-profit organizations and churches
2 that are willing to volunteer with and assist offenders who have
3 been 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 non-violent inmates by October 1,
25 2010 who could be involved in a day reporting center and/or also
26 be monitored through twenty-four hours/seven days a week GPS
27 electronic means; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
30 is requested to develop a plan to add more offenders to the
31 Expanded Work Furlough Program; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
34 is requested to look into establishing a day reporting center at
35 the Oahu Community Correctional Center and at Halawa
36 Correctional Facility by using existing space or erecting pre-
37 fabricated modular buildings on site; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
40 implement in Hawaii, and look at, early release programs in
41 other jurisdictions that have successfully released offenders
42 into the community as stated in Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
43 125, S.D. 1, 2008, "Requesting The Department Of Public Safety
44 To Research And Study Early Parole Eligibility Programs That



1 Reduce The Minimum Period Of Time That Hawaii Inmates Must Wait
2 To Become Eligible For Parole"; and

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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
11 and the Hawaii Paroling Authority report to the Legislature on
12 the progress made in implementing this measure no later than
13 October 1, 2010, including the following information:

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15 (1) The number of paroles revoked for technical violations
16 and the nature of those violations;

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18 (2) The number inmates and parolees eligible for release;

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20 (3) A plan to increase the number of individuals on the
21 Expanded Work Furlough Program;

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23 (4) The feasibility of establishing a day reporting center
24 at the Oahu Community Correctional Center and the
25 Halawa Correctional Facility;

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27 (5) Implementation of an early release and re-entry
28 program for Hawaii inmates, and a description of
29 successful early release and re-entry programs in
30 other jurisdictions; and

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32 (6) A plan to expand connections with community churches
33 and organizations to facilitate the reintegration of
34 formerly incarcerated individuals; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the
38 Director of Public Safety, and the Administrator of the Hawaii
39 Paroling Authority.

