
SENATE 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

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30 WHEREAS, there are non-profit organizations and churches
31 that are willing to volunteer with and assist offenders who have
32 been released from prison; and



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2 WHEREAS, the State currently spends approximately \$134 per
3 day to house an inmate in Hawaii and approximately \$74 a day to
4 house an inmate on the mainland; and

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6 WHEREAS, tax dollars spent on the mainland to house inmates
7 would benefit Hawaii if those dollars can be redirected locally
8 in programs, staff, and facilities; and

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10 WHEREAS, alternatives to incarceration in a prison or jail
11 are less expensive for taxpayers; and

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13 WHEREAS, alternatives to incarceration can be more
14 beneficial for those offenders with children and families; now,
15 therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
19 that the Department of Public Safety and the Hawaii Paroling
20 Authority are requested to identify up to five hundred non-
21 violent inmates by October 1, 2010 who could be involved in a
22 day reporting center and/or also be monitored through twenty-
23 four hours/seven days a week GPS electronic means; and

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

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

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
36 implement in Hawaii, and look at, early release programs in
37 other jurisdictions that have successfully released offenders
38 into the community as stated in Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
39 125, S.D. 1, 2008, "Requesting The Department Of Public Safety
40 To Research And Study Early Parole Eligibility Programs That
41 Reduce The Minimum Period Of Time That Hawaii Inmates Must Wait
42 To Become Eligible For Parole"; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
2 aggressively collaborate with churches, non-profit
3 organizations, and other entities that are willing to provide
4 free assistance and service to the State in these difficult
5 economic times; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
8 and the Hawaii Paroling Authority report to the Legislature on
9 the progress made in implementing this measure no later than
10 October 1, 2010, including the following information:

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

