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## SENATE 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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30 WHEREAS, there are many non-profits and churches which are  
31 willing to volunteer with and assist offenders who have been  
32 released from prison; and



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
44 aggressively collaborate with churches, non-profits, and other



1 entities that are willing to provide free assistance and service  
2 to the State in these difficult economic times; and

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

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

