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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO  
RESUME ITS MEETINGS AND TO MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

1           WHEREAS, the Corrections Population Management Commission  
2 was established by Act 343, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the Commission was expanded from eight to eleven  
5 members, to represent all three branches of state government,  
6 the county departments of the prosecuting attorney, and two  
7 community representatives; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the objective of the Commission is "to establish  
10 maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility  
11 and to formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate  
12 population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional  
13 facility"; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Commission is administratively attached to the  
16 Department of Public Safety; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the closure of Kulani Correctional Facility should  
19 have been brought before and discussed by the Commission; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Commission failed to hold meetings from 2003  
22 to 2008, as required by law; and  
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24           WHEREAS, when the Commission began meeting again in 2008,  
25 the Department of Public Safety failed to distribute population  
26 reports to the Commission; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the Commission has been denied input on important  
29 decisions relating to the corrections population in facilities  
30 located in Hawaii and out-of-state; and  
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32           WHEREAS, the Commission was excluded from the discussion  
33 and decision to close Kulani Correctional Facility; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Commission was established by law to assist  
2 the State in satisfying the requirements of a consent decree,  
3 which was the result of the 1985 lawsuit regarding overcrowding  
4 in correctional facilities; and

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6 WHEREAS, the placement of fifty-four per cent of Hawaii's  
7 corrections population in private prisons on the continental  
8 United States should be a matter of discussion and debate for  
9 the Commission; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
13 that the Corrections Population Management Commission is  
14 requested to resume its meetings and to meet at least quarterly  
15 to carry out its objectives; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
18 is requested to distribute population reports and other relevant  
19 population information at Commission meetings; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of full public  
22 disclosure, the Department of Public Safety is requested to make  
23 all handouts, population reports, and related information  
24 available on its website; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of  
28 Public Safety, the Executive Secretary of the Corrections  
29 Population Management Commission, and the Attorney General.

