
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that out of frustration
2 from community opposition to construction of new prison
3 facilities in Hawaii, the State began exporting some of its
4 inmates to mainland facilities about fifteen years ago because
5 of overcrowded conditions. However, the legislature concurs
6 with Governor Abercrombie's recent comments (Honolulu Star
7 Advertiser article, December 20, 2010) that sending prisoners to
8 the mainland "costs money. It costs communities. It destroys
9 families. It is dysfunctional all the way around – socially,
10 economically, politically and morally."

11 Mainland inmates from Hawaii should be back in Hawaii
12 preparing to successfully re-enter their communities. More
13 intervention and rehabilitation programs are necessary, as well
14 as more prison space, to successfully bring back the State's
15 inmates.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
17 public safety to develop a master plan to return Hawaii inmates
18 from mainland correctional facilities, including increasing



1 prison space and intervention and rehabilitation programs in
2 Hawaii.

3 SECTION 2. The department of public safety, no later than
4 January 1, 2012, shall develop a master plan, including a time
5 table for implementation of the plan, based on the corrections
6 principles of inmate classification, facilities planning, and
7 rehabilitation programs. The master plan shall have as its
8 objectives:

- 9 (1) Returning Hawaii inmates housed in mainland
10 correctional facilities;
- 11 (2) Increasing the inmate capacity of state correctional
12 facilities, primarily the Oahu community correctional
13 center, Kulani correctional facility, and Waiawa
14 correctional facility; and
- 15 (3) Providing interventional, educational, and
16 rehabilitative services to returned inmates.

17 SECTION 3. For purposes of section 2 of this Act, the
18 department of public safety shall consult with appropriate
19 stakeholders, including community-based service organizations,
20 rehabilitative or counseling service entities, parties
21 interested in a public-private partnership to provide funding



1 for capital improvements, county departments and agencies, and
2 other state departments and agencies.

3 SECTION 4. The department of public safety shall submit
4 the master plan developed pursuant to this Act to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 the regular session of 2012.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Public Safety; Return of Mainland Inmates

Description:

Directs the department of public safety to develop a master plan for the return of Hawaii inmates housed in mainland prisons. Report to 2012 legislature. (SD1)

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