
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, AND THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY SHOULD ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS ON HAWAII ISLAND.

1 WHEREAS, under the comprehensive offender reentry system,
2 the Department of Public Safety is authorized to purchase
3 service contracts for adult offender reentry programs and
4 services that establish or improve the offender reentry system
5 and in which each adult offender in state correctional custody
6 is provided an individualized reentry plan; and
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8 WHEREAS, among the programs and services that may be
9 offered by the Department of Public Safety are community-based
10 programs which, unlike institution-based programs, reentry
11 programs, or reintegration programs, are programs that are
12 administered and operated outside of a correctional facility;
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15 WHEREAS, generally, community-based programs are
16 administered and operated by community agencies, faith-based
17 organizations, non-profit organizations, and other similar
18 entities, as opposed to state or other government agencies; and
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20 WHEREAS, an alternative to the purchase of service
21 contracts with community agencies and similar entities would be
22 a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Hawaiian
23 Home Lands, for the administration and operation of a community-
24 based program; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Land Management Division of the Department of
27 Hawaiian Home Lands is the division responsible for the
28 management of the Department's lands that are not homestead
29 lands, and are not required to be used only for homestead
30 purposes, but may be used for other department operations; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has recently looked
3 at the disparate treatment of native Hawaiians in our judicial
4 system and has expressed concern at the number of native
5 Hawaiians who are incarcerated; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
10 Public Safety, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Office of
11 Hawaiian Affairs are requested to consider whether they should
12 enter into a memorandum of understanding to develop a
13 community-based reentry program for offenders on Hawaii Island;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Safety,
17 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Chair of the
18 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are
19 requested to submit a report of their findings and
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
21 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
22 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public
26 Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Chair
27 of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
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