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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARNED TIME PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, many correctional jurisdictions in the United  
2 States use an incentive system that rewards inmates for positive  
3 behavior, commonly known as credit for good time served; and  
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5           WHEREAS, an earned time credit system was first implemented  
6 in the eighteenth century to relieve overcrowding, reward  
7 inmates who have no behavioral infractions, and encourage  
8 participation in inmate rehabilitation programs; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have an earned time program  
11 incentive to provide eligibility for parole of an inmate before  
12 the expiration of that inmate's maximum sentence imposed by the  
13 court; and  
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15           WHEREAS, an earned time program provides for the  
16 opportunity for an inmate to earn a credit against their maximum  
17 sentence through demonstrating progress toward satisfactory  
18 rehabilitation; and  
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20           WHEREAS, an earned time program is necessary for inmates to  
21 have a sense of accomplishment and achievement, both of which  
22 are critical to successful rehabilitation and re-entry into the  
23 community; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
28 Public Safety is requested to:  
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30           (1) Review statutory provisions relating to sentences of  
31 imprisonment and mandatory imprisonment sentences;  
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33           (2) Plan and implement an earned time program as described  
34 in this measure for committed persons who have been



1 sentenced for longer than one year and who have  
2 successfully completed the recommended programming  
3 while incarcerated; and  
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- 5 (3) Make recommendations to the Legislature on suggested  
6 legislation to enable an earned time program to be  
7 implemented; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public  
10 Safety's plan for the earned time program include developing,  
11 establishing, and implementing the following standards and  
12 procedures for the earned time program:  
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- 14 (1) Objective standards for measuring progress in each of  
15 the following categories, to the extent that the  
16 services are available at the committed person's  
17 correctional facility:  
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19 (A) Work, vocational, or occupational training and  
20 skills, including consideration of factors such  
21 as attendance, promptness, performance,  
22 cooperation, care of materials, and safety;  
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24 (B) Social adjustment, including skills such as group  
25 living, housekeeping, personal hygiene, and  
26 cooperation;  
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28 (C) Participation in counseling sessions and self-  
29 help groups;  
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31 (D) Therapeutic and other similar departmental  
32 programs; and  
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34 (E) Education or literacy programs;  
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- 36 (2) Procedures for evaluating, recording, and certifying  
37 progress under the earned time program; and  
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- 39 (3) Procedures for awarding earned time credits and  
40 recording and applying days earned under the earned  
41 time program; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
44 annually review the performance of each person committed to its



1 custody to date and grant, withhold, withdraw, or restore an  
2 earned time credit from the person's maximum term of  
3 imprisonment; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following information about  
6 the earned time program be made available in writing to all  
7 eligible committed persons upon request:  
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9 (1) Departmental standards and procedures for the earned  
10 time program; and  
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12 (2) Equivalencies between:  
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14 (A) Days served in accordance with earned time  
15 program requirements and credits earned; and  
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17 (B) Credits earned and days earned; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public  
20 Safety:  
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22 (1) Describe its progress in implementing an earned time  
23 program in its Re-Entry Master Plan; and  
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25 (2) Report to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
26 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012  
27 on its progress in establishing and implementing an  
28 earned time program consistent with this measure; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public  
32 Safety and Administrator of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

