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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
POTENTIAL USES FOR THE FORMER KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, Kulani Correctional Facility was a minimum  
2 security, program-oriented facility that assisted inmates in  
3 developing marketable job skills; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Kulani Correctional Facility housed the largest  
6 sex offender treatment program in the State and the most  
7 successful in the nation with a recidivism rate of less than two  
8 percent since 1988; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the State continues to transfer prisoners to  
11 private facilities outside of Hawai'i at a cost in excess of  
12 \$50,000,000 a year; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians represent the highest percentage  
15 of people incarcerated in out-of-state facilities, at forty-one  
16 percent according to 2005 statistics from the Office of Hawaiian  
17 Affairs; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety announced the  
20 closure of Kulani Correctional Facility in July 2009; and  
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22 WHEREAS, in January 2010, the Department of Public Safety  
23 executed a Memorandum of Agreement with the state Department of  
24 Defense to establish a Youth Challenge Academy Program at the  
25 former Kulani Correctional Facility; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Legislature has indicated support for  
28 identifying alternative sites in the State to house inmates  
29 currently serving their sentences in out-of-state facilities;  
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32 WHEREAS, in his "A New Day in Hawaii" plan, Governor  
33 Abercrombie stated his opposition to the practice of sending



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1 prisoners out of the State and to the resulting loss of jobs and  
 2 community service opportunities, and the Administration has  
 3 indicated a desire to reopen Kulani Correctional Facility; and  
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5 WHEREAS, adequate public input was not solicited to  
 6 determine the best use of Kulani Correctional Facility and  
 7 surrounding lands prior to the State's decision to transfer the  
 8 property to the Department of Defense; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
 12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged  
 13 to provide opportunities for community input on potential uses  
 14 for the former Kulani Correctional Facility; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 18 of Public Safety, and Adjutant General.  
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