
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD PRISONS, RE-ENTRY CENTERS, DRUG TREATMENT FACILITIES, OR OTHER CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE TO DEAL WITH THE STATE'S PRISON OVERCROWDING AND TO RETURN THE MAJORITY OF OUR PRISONERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED ON THE MAINLAND.

1 WHEREAS, for over ten years the State has sent inmates to
2 the mainland for incarceration due to overcrowding in our
3 prisons; and

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5 WHEREAS, over \$50,000,000 of Hawaii funds are spent
6 annually to incarcerate these inmates on the mainland; and

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8 WHEREAS, these funds are not circulating in our economy,
9 but in the economies of other states, providing jobs and
10 opportunities for mainland residents and companies; and

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12 WHEREAS, new prisons and correctional facilities in the
13 State would create local construction jobs, public safety jobs,
14 and allow inmates to be close to their supportive families; and

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16 WHEREAS, inmates on the mainland are not able to have close
17 support from family and friends for their rehabilitation and re-
18 entry efforts; and

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20 WHEREAS, there have been documented problems at some of the
21 mainland facilities with our female prisoners and with our
22 incarcerated men; and

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24 WHEREAS, the majority of our female prisoners were recently
25 returned from Kentucky due to sexual assaults and other issues;
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28 WHEREAS, there are private companies that are willing to
29 establish public-private partnerships with the State to build
30 new prison facilities in Hawaii using their financial resources;
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1 WHEREAS, the State would not have to provide funds up front
2 to begin these projects, but would pay monthly payments for a
3 set period when the projects are completed; and
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5 WHEREAS, ownership of the facilities would revert back to
6 the State after all payments have been completed; and
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8 WHEREAS, some private companies would be willing to operate
9 the facilities using union workers and paying union wages; and
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11 WHEREAS, public-private partnerships would allow for
12 efficient construction, financing, and leasing in a reasonable
13 timeframe; and
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15 WHEREAS, public-private partnerships would also allow the
16 State to take advantage of a favorable bidding and
17 subcontracting environment in terms of pricing and relatively
18 low bond interest rates; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
22 that the Legislature support the concept of public-private
23 partnerships to build prisons, re-entry centers, drug treatment
24 facilities, or other correctional facilities in the State and
25 urge the Governor to begin discussions and plans to establish
26 public-private partnerships as soon as possible to deal with the
27 State's prison overcrowding and to return the majority of our
28 prisoners who are incarcerated on the mainland; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Public
32 Safety.
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