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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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



1 new prison facilities in Hawaii using their financial resources;  
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4 WHEREAS, the State would not have to provide funds up front  
5 to begin these projects, but would pay monthly payments for a  
6 set period when the projects are completed; and

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8 WHEREAS, ownership of the facilities would revert back to  
9 the State after all payments have been completed; and

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11 WHEREAS, some private companies would be willing to operate  
12 the facilities using union workers and paying union wages; and

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14 WHEREAS, public-private partnerships would allow for  
15 efficient construction, financing, and leasing in a reasonable  
16 timeframe; and

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18 WHEREAS, public-private partnerships would also allow the  
19 State to take advantage of a favorable bidding and  
20 subcontracting environment in terms of pricing and relatively  
21 low bond interest rates; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
26 support the concept of public-private partnerships to build  
27 prisons, re-entry centers, drug treatment facilities, or other  
28 correctional facilities in the State and urge the Governor to  
29 begin discussions and plans to establish public-private  
30 partnerships as soon as possible to deal with the State's prison  
31 overcrowding and to return the majority of our prisoners who are  
32 incarcerated on the mainland; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
36 Director of Public Safety.

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