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## SENATE 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 minimum term, as set by the  
13 Hawaii Paroling Authority; and  
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15           WHEREAS, an earned time program provides for release on  
16 parole before the expiration of an inmate's minimum term upon  
17 demonstrating progress toward rehabilitation in certain  
18 categories; 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,  
27 that the Department of Public Safety is requested to plan and  
28 implement an earned time program as described in this measure,  
29 for committed persons who are serving time for a non-violent  
30 drug offense and who have successfully completed a residential  
31 drug abuse program; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
34 is requested to develop, establish, and implement the following  
35 standards and procedures for the earned time program:  
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1 (1) Objective standards for measuring progress in each of  
2 the following categories, to the extent that the  
3 services are available at the committed person's  
4 correctional facility:

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6 (A) Work, vocational, or occupational training and  
7 skills, including consideration of factors such  
8 as attendance, promptness, performance,  
9 cooperation, care of materials, and safety;

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11 (B) Social adjustment, including skills such as group  
12 living, housekeeping, personal hygiene, and  
13 cooperation;

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15 (C) Participation in counseling sessions and self-  
16 help groups;

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18 (D) Therapeutic and other similar departmental  
19 programs; and

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21 (E) Education or literacy programs;

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23 (2) Procedures for evaluating, recording, and certifying  
24 progress under the earned time program; and

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26 (3) Procedures for awarding earned time deductions and  
27 recording and applying days earned under the earned  
28 time program; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
31 annually review the performance of each person committed to its  
32 custody to date and grant, withhold, withdraw, or restore an  
33 earned time deduction from the person's minimum term of  
34 imprisonment set by the Hawaii Paroling Authority; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following information about  
37 the earned time program be made available in writing to all  
38 eligible committed persons upon request and conspicuously posted  
39 in an area of the correctional facility that is accessible for  
40 review by committed persons:

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42 (1) Departmental standards and procedures for the earned  
43 time program; and



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(2) Equivalencies between:

(A) Days served in accordance with earned time program requirements and credits earned; and

(B) Credits earned and days earned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012 on its progress in establishing and implementing an earned time program consistent with this measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Director of Public Safety and Administrator of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

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