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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PRISONS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's prison system was under federal court  
2 supervision from 1985 to 1999 due to overcrowding and inadequate  
3 safety and programs; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the prison capacity within the State is  
6 insufficient to house all offenders committed to the Department  
7 of Public Safety; and  
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9 WHEREAS, existing state prisons may have reached the limit  
10 of their useful life cycles, resulting in ever-increasing costs;  
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13 WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that private companies  
14 can provide the necessary financial capital and expertise to  
15 both construct and operate prison facilities; and  
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17 WHEREAS, a public-private partnership would allow state  
18 bonding capacity to be retained for other capital projects, such  
19 as schools and roads; and  
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21 WHEREAS, new prisons would provide hundreds of jobs within  
22 the State; and  
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24 WHEREAS, new prisons would allow the State's inmate  
25 population to be housed closer to their families and  
26 communities; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
30 that the Department of Public Safety and Department of  
31 Accounting and General Services are requested to study the  
32 feasibility of establishing a public-private correctional  
33 partnership for the construction and operation of prisons in



1 Hawaii, to return all inmates who are incarcerated on the  
2 mainland, as well as to close inefficient and aging prison  
3 facilities within the State; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
6 and Department of Accounting and General Services are requested  
7 to identify specific locations that would be selected as sites  
8 for new prisons; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to any site being  
11 designated as a potential location for a new prison, the  
12 Department of Public Safety and Department of Accounting and  
13 General Services are requested to hold at least one public  
14 hearing on the topic of siting a prison in the affected  
15 community; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
18 and Department of Accounting and General Services are requested  
19 to jointly produce a detailed report on estimated total  
20 construction costs, annual debt service costs, and annual  
21 operating costs for a new publicly financed and operated prison,  
22 to be used as a benchmark for comparison to a public-private  
23 project; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
26 and Department of Accounting and General Services are requested  
27 to jointly submit a report of their findings and  
28 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
29 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
30 the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of  
34 Public Safety, and the Comptroller.  
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