
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A SECURE FORENSIC FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Director of Health and Director of Public
2 Safety have individuals in their custody who require mental
3 health or other specialized services; and
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5 WHEREAS, some of the individuals committed to the custody
6 of the Director of Health may require stricter security than is
7 typically provided in a general psychiatric facility such as the
8 Hawaii State Hospital; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Department of Public
11 Safety may benefit from the joint planning and development of a
12 secure forensic facility that would meet the special safety and
13 treatment needs of certain individuals in their custody; and
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15 WHEREAS, a secure forensic facility may be the most cost
16 effective way to address the general public's security concerns
17 and provide improved mental health services to individuals in
18 the custody of the Director of Health and the Department of
19 Public Safety; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health
24 and Department of Public Safety are requested to convene a task
25 force to develop a plan for the design, development,
26 construction, and operation of a secure forensic facility; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consists of:
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30 (1) A representative from the Office of the Governor;
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- 1 (2) A state Circuit Court Judge to be selected by the
2 Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court;
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- 4 (3) A representative from the Department of the Attorney
5 General;
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- 7 (4) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,
8 who shall serve as co-chair of the task force;
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- 10 (5) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
11 designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the task
12 force;
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- 14 (6) A representative from the Department of Accounting and
15 General Services;
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- 17 (7) A representative from the Office of the Public
18 Defender;
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- 20 (8) A representative from the Office of the Prosecuting
21 Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu;
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- 23 (9) A representative from the Office of the Prosecuting
24 Attorney of the County of Hawaii;
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- 26 (10) A representative from the Office of the Prosecuting
27 Attorney of the County of Kauai; and
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- 29 (11) A representative from the Office of the Prosecuting
30 Attorney of the County of Maui; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in planning for the design,
33 development, construction, and operation of a secure forensic
34 facility the task force examine ways to address the needs of
35 individuals committed to the custody of the Director of Health
36 who may require strict security and individuals committed to the
37 custody of the Director of Public Safety who require intensive
38 mental health treatment, and whether the needs of these groups
39 of individuals may be more effectively addressed in different
40 settings; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairs of the task force
43 may invite other individuals to provide information and



1 participate in task force discussions to further the purposes of
2 the task force; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
5 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
6 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
7 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief
11 Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Attorney General, Director
12 of Health, Director of Public Safety, Comptroller, Public
13 Defender, Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of
14 Honolulu, Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii,
15 Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kauai, and Prosecuting
16 Attorney of the County of Maui.

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