
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AND MOVE LOW-RISK OFFENDERS INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ADDRESS THEIR PATHWAYS TO INCARCERATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the crime victimization
2 rate in Hawaii has declined from forty-eight percent in 1997 to
3 30.2 percent in 2010; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Justice Reinvestment Initiative found that the
6 jail population has increased by forty-eight percent in the
7 following areas: (1) the pre-trial population increased from
8 568 in 2006 to 1,233 in 2011 (one hundred seventeen percent) and
9 (2) the sentenced population increased from 914 in 2006 to 958
10 in 2011 (five percent); and
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12 WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of nonviolent pre-trial felons
13 are low risk; and
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15 WHEREAS, only fourteen percent of incarcerated persons need
16 prison-based programming, and
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18 WHEREAS, two-thirds of offenders are awaiting prison-based
19 programming in order to be released on parole; and
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21 WHEREAS, almost one-half of all parole denials were low-
22 risk inmates; and
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24 WHEREAS, one hundred forty-four individuals imprisoned for
25 promoting a dangerous drug or prohibited acts related to drug
26 paraphernalia were low risk; and
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28 WHEREAS, sixty percent of the felony probationers receiving
29 sentences of thirty-seven months or more are low risk; and
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1 WHEREAS, eighty percent of the parole population is low
2 risk; and

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4 WHEREAS, overcrowding in Hawaii's community correctional
5 centers put low-risk, nonviolent offenders at risk of harm; and

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7 WHEREAS, this overcrowding places the State at great
8 liability; and

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10 WHEREAS, programs that effectively assist low-risk
11 offenders are critically needed to address the problems
12 associated with reentry and the high rate of recidivism; and

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14 WHEREAS, research shows that community drug treatment
15 programs can save from \$10 to \$18 for every \$1 spent; and

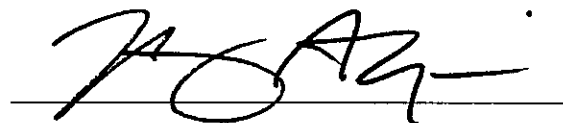
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17 WHEREAS, the costs of incarceration can be dramatically
18 reduced through the implementation of programs and services that
19 assist individuals with drug and mental health problems; now,
20 therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that this body
25 encourages the Department of Public Safety to expand community
26 drug treatment and mental health programs for nonviolent
27 offenders; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
30 is encouraged to find creative ways to move low-risk offenders
31 with substance abuse and mental health issues from incarceration
32 into community programs that directly address their pathways to
33 incarceration; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public
37 Safety and Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

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40 OFFERED BY:



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