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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that commissaries at
2 state correctional facilities provide an opportunity for inmates
3 to purchase goods for personal use, such as sundries, hygiene
4 products, and food. However, the prices of goods at the
5 commissaries are higher than those found in public retail
6 stores. The legislature is concerned that the markups at the
7 commissaries may be excessive.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the auditor to
9 conduct a financial and management audit of the operations of
10 the department of public safety's commissaries, as well as the
11 commissary operations of out-of-state contracted correctional
12 facilities where Hawaii inmates are confined.

13 SECTION 2. The auditor shall conduct a financial and
14 management audit of the department of public safety's commissary
15 operations, as well as the operations of the commissaries in
16 out-of-state contracted correctional facilities where Hawaii
17 inmates are confined, that shall include but not be limited to
18 determining:



- 1 (1) The total annual revenues generated from the sales of
2 commissary items during the prior fiscal year;
- 3 (2) The total annual expenditures incurred for the
4 operation and maintenance of each commissary during
5 the prior fiscal year;
- 6 (3) The criteria used to select the type of items that are
7 stocked and made available at commissaries;
- 8 (4) The method used to determine the price of items sold
9 to inmates at commissaries; and
- 10 (5) Any contractual agreement where a party other than the
11 State operates the commissary to identify any controls
12 on pricing and profits.

13 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report of its
14 findings and any recommendations of the financial and management
15 audit, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no
16 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
17 session of 2014.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Corrections; Commissaries; Audit

Description:

Requires a financial and management audit of the department of public safety commissary operations and out-of-state commissaries where Hawaii inmates are confined.

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