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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
COLLABORATE ON REDUCING THE NECESSITY AND NUMBER OF TRIPS
BY PRISONERS TO COURTHOUSES FOR HEARINGS.

1 WHEREAS, transporting inmates and detainees from
2 correctional facilities to courtrooms requires the expenditure
3 of manpower and resources; and
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5 WHEREAS, courtrooms are not as secure as correctional
6 facilities; and
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8 WHEREAS, an inmate was brought to the State Circuit Court
9 building for a probation revocation hearing on October 31, 2012,
10 but escaped from custody at the Circuit Court building; and
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12 WHEREAS, the inmate remained at large until the next day;
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15 WHEREAS, a pretrial detainee awaiting trial on a charge of
16 second-degree murder was brought to the State Circuit Court
17 building for a pretrial hearing on February 20, 2013, but
18 escaped from custody soon after arrival; and
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20 WHEREAS, the detainee remained at large for more than
21 eleven hours; and
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23 WHEREAS, the recapture of both escapees required a
24 considerable number of law enforcement officers to search for
25 and apprehend the escapees; and
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27 WHEREAS, the escapes sent surrounding areas into a panic,
28 including the lockdown of nearby schools; and
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30 WHEREAS, the technology exists for incarcerated persons to
31 participate in court hearings or proceedings remotely from
32 correctional facilities; and



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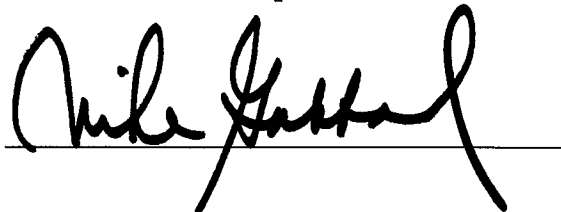
WHEREAS, remote participation in court proceedings by incarcerated persons minimizes the possibility of escape, while still protecting their rights; now, therefore,


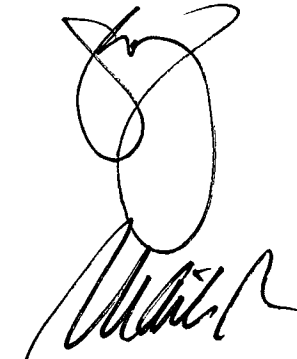
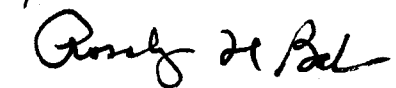
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body requests that the Judiciary and the Department of Public Safety collaborate to reduce the necessity and number of prisoner trips to courthouses for hearings; and


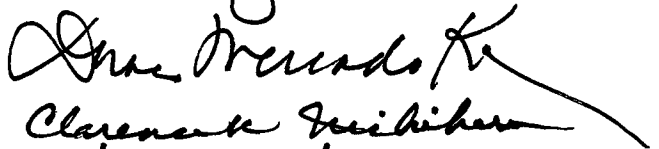
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary and the Department of Public Safety are requested to submit a joint report on the results of this collaboration to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court and Director of Public Safety.

OFFERED BY:




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