
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE OAHU COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
AND TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND CURRENTLY
OCCUPIED BY THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO
BENEFIT THE KALIHI COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple escapes;
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on
14 the construction of a new, 1,125-bed Oahu Community Correctional
15 Center to be relocated from the current Kalihi site; and
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17 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu
18 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding
19 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and
20 other commercial establishments; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that
23 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
24 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration
25 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and



1 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center also sits
2 along the future route of the Honolulu rail transit project, and
3 its presence will hinder the rail-related growth of the
4 surrounding community; and
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6 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that
7 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including
8 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to
9 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and
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11 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
12 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the
13 potential of being equally or more expensive than building a new
14 facility in another location; and
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16 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
17 would generate land development opportunities on the current
18 Kalihi site; and
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20 WHEREAS, the sale or long-term lease of the Kalihi site
21 could be used to offset the cost of a new or consolidated jail
22 and, if zoned appropriately, the Kalihi site could be turned
23 into a major center of economic activity generating tax revenues
24 and lease-rent income for the State and property tax revenues
25 for the City and County of Honolulu; and
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27 WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Kalihi site could
28 function as a magnet for future development and revitalization;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2014, that the Governor is urged to consolidate the
34 Oahu Community Correctional Center within the Halawa
35 Correctional Facility and to facilitate redevelopment of the
36 land that is currently occupied by the Oahu Community
37 Correctional Center to benefit the Kalihi community and the
38 State; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public
3 Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board.
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