
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 and a financial
11 audit of the commissary operations of out-of-state contracted
12 correctional facilities where Hawaii inmates are confined based
13 on information obtained pursuant to contract.

14 SECTION 2. The auditor shall conduct a financial and
15 management audit of the department of public safety's commissary
16 operations and a financial audit of the operations of the
17 commissaries in out-of-state contracted correctional facilities
18 where Hawaii inmates are confined based on information obtained



1 pursuant to contract, that shall include but not be limited to
2 determining:

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

15 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report of its
16 findings and any recommendations of the in-state commissary
17 financial and management audit and out-of-state commissary
18 financial audit, including any proposed legislation, to the
19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 the regular session of 2014.

21 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 a financial audit of out-of-state commissaries where Hawaii inmates are confined.
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