
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EFFECTIVE
INCARCERATION POLICIES TO IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL
SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, as states grapple with fiscal challenges and tough
2 budget choices, public safety stakeholders are taking a hard
3 look at the millions of dollars spent on correctional systems;
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6 WHEREAS, the planned relocation of the Oahu Community
7 Correctional Center provides a timely opportunity for public
8 safety stakeholders to evaluate Hawaii's correctional system;
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii's correctional system can benefit from the
12 implementation of effective incarceration policies, programs,
13 and best practices that aim to reduce correctional spending,
14 alleviate inmate overcrowding at correctional facilities, lower
15 recidivism, and address other challenges; and

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17 WHEREAS, a study that identifies and analyzes the effective
18 incarceration policies used by other jurisdictions would provide
19 Hawaii with solutions to improve its correctional system; now,
20 therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2016, that the Chief Justice is requested to
25 establish a task force to study effective incarceration policies
26 in Hawaii and other jurisdictions, and suggest improvements for
27 Hawaii's correctional system including recommendations for
28 designs of future correctional facilities; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include
31 identification and analysis of effective incarceration policies
32 used in other states and countries and their related costs to



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1 develop and recommend methods and strategies that may be
2 employed by Hawaii to improve its correctional system; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of
5 nine members designated as follows:
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- 7 (1) The Chief Justice, or the Chief Justice's designee,
8 who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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- 10 (2) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, or
11 the Chairperson's designee;
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- 13 (3) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
14 designee;
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- 16 (4) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Public
17 Safety;
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- 19 (5) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public
20 Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs;
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- 22 (6) A representative from the Native Hawaiian Legal
23 Corporation;
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- 25 (7) A faculty member with expertise in criminology or
26 penology appointed by the President of the University
27 of Hawaii;
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- 29 (8) A member of the public who has knowledge and expertise
30 with the Hawaii correctional system appointed by the
31 Director of Public Safety; and
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- 33 (9) A former prison inmate appointed by the Director of
34 Public Safety; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force
37 be appointed no later than 30 days after the last day of the
38 Regular Session of 2016, and that the task force convene its
39 initial meeting within 30 days after appointment of the last
40 member; and



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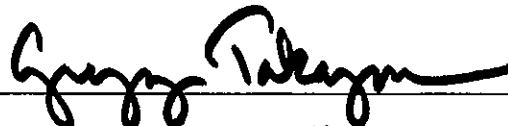
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member shall be made subject
 2 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
 3 member's participation as a member of the task force; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the
 6 assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, submit a report
 7 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 8 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
 9 the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 12 Bureau shall, upon request of the task force, assist in the
 13 preparation of the report and provide any other administrative
 14 assistance; provided that the task force shall deliver to the
 15 Legislative Reference Bureau all information and materials
 16 deemed necessary by the Legislative Reference Bureau for the
 17 preparation of the report no later than 40 days prior to the
 18 convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice, Director of
 22 Public Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority,
 23 President of the University of Hawaii System, Acting Director of
 24 the Legislative Reference Bureau, and President of the Board of
 25 Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation.
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