
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



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 eleven 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 Administrator of the Judiciary's Adult Client
11 Services Branch, or the Administrator's designee;
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13 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, or
14 the Chairperson's designee;
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16 (4) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
17 designee;
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19 (5) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Public
20 Safety;
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22 (6) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public
23 Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs;
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25 (7) A representative from the Native Hawaiian Legal
26 Corporation;
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28 (8) A faculty member with expertise in criminology or
29 penology appointed by the President of the University
30 of Hawaii;
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32 (9) A member of the public who has knowledge and expertise
33 with the Hawaii correctional system appointed by the
34 Director of Public Safety;
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36 (10) A former prison inmate appointed by the Director of
37 Public Safety; and
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39 (11) The Chairperson of the Holomua Puuhonua Committee, or
40 the Chairperson's designee; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force
2 be appointed no later than 30 days after the last day of the
3 Regular Session of 2016, and that the task force convene its
4 initial meeting within 30 days after appointment of the last
5 member; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member shall be made subject
8 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
9 member's participation as a member of the task force; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary and the
12 Department of Public Safety shall provide administrative support
13 to the task force; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the
16 assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, submit a report
17 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
19 the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
22 Bureau shall, upon request of the task force, assist in the
23 preparation of the report; provided that the task force shall
24 deliver to the Legislative Reference Bureau all information and
25 materials deemed necessary by the Legislative Reference Bureau
26 for the preparation of the report no later than 40 days prior to
27 the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice, Administrator of
31 the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch; Director of Public
32 Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, President
33 of the University of Hawaii System, Acting Director of the
34 Legislative Reference Bureau, President of the Board of the
35 Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and Chairperson of the
36 Holomua Puuhonua Committee.

