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# 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, is requested to  
17 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
18 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
19 days prior to 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 before October 1, 2016; and

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

