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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO REDUCE THE INMATE POPULATION, LOWER RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that long prison sentences  
2 and an increase in offender recidivism rates have contributed to  
3 a spike in the United States' prison population despite the  
4 decrease of crime in the past 20 years; and

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6           WHEREAS, the increase in prisoners has led to inflated  
7 government spending on corrections, rising operating costs of  
8 correctional facilities, and reduced funding for other essential  
9 government services; and

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11           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a collaborative  
12 approach by stakeholders using successful, research-based  
13 solutions would improve Hawaii's correctional system and ensure  
14 positive outcomes for prisoners and the community; and

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16           WHEREAS, the Correctional Justice Task Force created by  
17 House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016) and led by  
18 Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Michael Wilson has  
19 provided meaningful discussion, expert guidance, and suggested  
20 improvements regarding Hawaii's incarceration policies,  
21 correctional system, and the design of future correctional  
22 facilities; and

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24           WHEREAS, while the Correctional Justice Task Force is set  
25 to dissolve after 2017, the Legislature finds that the Task  
26 Force's efforts to improve Hawaii's correctional system are  
27 valuable to the State and should be continued; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Correctional Justice  
4 Task Force is requested to continue its study of effective  
5 incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower  
6 recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system as  
7 specified in House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016);  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task  
11 Force shall remain the same as established by House Concurrent  
12 Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016); provided that any vacancies in  
13 membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
14 appointment; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall not receive  
17 compensation for their services, and no member shall be made  
18 subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because  
19 of that member's participation as a member of the Correctional  
20 Justice Task Force; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task  
23 Force shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
24 and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary and the  
27 Department of Public Safety shall provide administrative support  
28 to the Correctional Justice Task Force; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task  
31 Force, with the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau,  
32 is requested to submit an additional report of its continued  
33 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
34 legislation, that address reducing the State's inmate  
35 population, lowering recidivism, and improving the correctional  
36 system to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
37 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon request of the  
40 Correctional Justice Task Force, the Legislative Reference  
41 Bureau shall assist in the preparation of its report; provided  
42 that, before September 1, 2018, the Task Force shall submit a



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1 draft to the Legislative Reference Bureau, including any other  
 2 information and materials deemed necessary by the Bureau, for  
 3 the preparation of the final report; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice,  
 7 Administrator of the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch,  
 8 Director of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling  
 9 Authority, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of  
 10 Hawaiian Affairs, President of the University of Hawaii System,  
 11 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, President of the  
 12 Board of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Chairperson of  
 13 the Holomua Puuhonua Committee, and Chairperson of the  
 14 Correctional Justice Task Force.  
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