
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY EFFECTIVE
INCARCERATION POLICIES TO IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL
SYSTEM, ALSO IDENTIFY IN ITS FINAL REPORT SITES FOR A NEW
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT ARE TEN ACRES OR LESS IN SIZE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety proposes to
2 replace the current Oahu Community Correctional Center with a
3 modern facility that broadens its custody and treatment scope
4 and capability with county- and community-based correctional
5 services; and
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7 WHEREAS, eleven parcels of land ten acres or greater in
8 size have been identified as potential development sites for the
9 proposed replacement facility; and
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11 WHEREAS, the environmental impact statement process has
12 begun for the four potential sites short-listed by the
13 Department of Public Safety for the proposed replacement of the
14 Oahu Community Correctional Center; and
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16 WHEREAS, a thirteen-member task force was established by
17 H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 (H.C.R. No. 85), Regular Session
18 of 2016, to study effective incarceration policies to improve
19 Hawaii's correctional system; and
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21 WHEREAS, members of the task force include public safety
22 officials, former prisoners, and chairpersons of the legislative
23 committees that oversee public safety; and
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25 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives Committee on Public
26 Safety and the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
27 Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs held a joint
28 informational briefing on February 23, 2017, to discuss the
29 progress of the task force; and
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1 WHEREAS, the task force suggested at the briefing that
 2 current planning for development of new correctional facilities
 3 may be premature as the task force is looking at options to
 4 significantly reduce the State's inmate population and create a
 5 more cost-effective system focusing on rehabilitation rather
 6 than punishment; and

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 8 WHEREAS, policies the task force is studying to reduce the
 9 incarceration rate include providing nonmonetary bail options,
 10 increasing substance abuse treatment programs, and improving
 11 support systems for parolees to reduce recidivism; and

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 13 WHEREAS, the task force is also recommending that the State
 14 expand its substance abuse treatment courts, create an academy
 15 to train correctional workers, and increase efforts to reduce
 16 the incarceration rate of Native Hawaiians; now, therefore,

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 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
 20 House of Representatives concurring, that the final report of
 21 the task force established pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2,
 22 S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016, which is due no later than
 23 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 24 2018, also identify sites ten acres or less in size, to reflect
 25 the concept that modern correctional facilities can be developed
 26 vertically; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state laws, including those
 29 laws pertaining to environmental impact statements and
 30 environmental assessments, and county ordinances be complied
 31 with in the process of studying and developing a new
 32 correctional facility; and

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 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
 36 Director of Public Safety; provided that the Director of Public
 37 Safety is requested to transmit copies of this Concurrent
 38 Resolution to the members of the task force created by H.C.R.
 39 No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016.

