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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE INCLUDE A FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-BED,
MINIMUM-SECURITY HOUSING FACILITY IN ITS DESIGN AND PLANS
FOR THE PROPOSED OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that many of the individuals at the State's overcrowded community correctional facilities have violated probation, parole, or furlough by use of illicit substances and are in need of substance abuse treatment and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the Department of Public Safety is statutorily required pursuant to section 353-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement alternative programs that place, control, supervise, and treat selected offenders in lieu of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the Department of Public Safety has available space at Halawa Valley for the new Oahu Community Correctional Center to also accommodate a minimum-security facility to house up to four hundred fifty short-term adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the minimum-security facility shall be to alleviate the overcrowded conditions of the State's community correctional facilities and to provide much-needed substance abuse treatment and support services, cognitive behavioral intervention, and transitional programming instead of returning an offender to a "hard bed" in a correctional institution; and

WHEREAS, offenders eligible to be housed at this minimumsecurity facility shall be individuals who have violated probation, parole, or furlough by illicit substance use, or are sentenced felon probationers, or sentenced misdemeanants identified as high risk for illicit substance use or recidivism; and

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WHEREAS, the minimum-security facility shall also have the capacity to house adult males in a furlough program in a minimum-security setting; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the Department of Health is statutorily required pursuant to section 26-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to administer programs designed to protect, preserve, care for, and improve the physical and mental health of the people of the State; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of Health has access to the best personnel to provide substance abuse treatment and support services, cognitive behavioral intervention, and transitional programming in lieu of incarceration; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the State is requested to include a four hundred fifty-bed, minimum-security housing facility in its design and plans for the proposed Oahu Community Correctional Center; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three hundred fifty-beds shall be reserved for offenders who shall receive substance abuse treatment and support services, cognitive behavioral intervention, and transitional programming in lieu of incarceration; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offenders housed at the minimum-security facility shall be:

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(1) Probation or parole violators;

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(2) Illicit substance abuse furlough violators;

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(3) Sentenced felon probationers; or

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program in a minimum-security setting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice; Director of Public Safety; Director of Health; Comptroller; and Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

OFFERED BY:

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