

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAY 11 , 2020

RE: H.R. No. 48

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military  
Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 48 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING  
GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL WORK  
FURLOUGH CENTER ON THE PRESENT SITE OF THE OAHU COMMUNITY  
CORRECTIONAL CENTER ONCE THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL  
CENTER HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO HALAWA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment  
of a working group to study the feasibility of building an  
additional work furlough center on the present site of the Oahu  
Community Correctional Center (OCCC) once OCCC has been relocated  
to Halawa.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that the Laumaka Work Furlough Center,  
located about one block from OCCC, houses inmates who are either  
actively seeking employment or working in the community, as a  
means to ease their transition upon release. The Laumaka Work  
Furlough Center has space for ninety-six inmates, while twice that  
number are eligible for the work furlough program.



Your Committee also finds that plans for the new OCCC in Halawa Valley call for a separate structure to accommodate eligible work furlough inmates who are unable to be accommodated at the Laumaka Work Furlough Center. Your Committee further finds, however, that the Laumaka Work Furlough Center's location in Kalihi is preferable to the more remote Halawa site because it affords easy access to public transportation and work places for inmates in the work furlough program. With the relocation of OCCC to Halawa, the existing site will be available to be repurposed and could serve as an adjunct to the neighboring Laumaka Work Furlough Center.

Accordingly, your Committee finds that requesting a working group to be established to study the feasibility of building an additional work furlough center on the present site of OCCC once it has been relocated to Halawa is appropriate, with the working group requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 48 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Veterans, & Military Affairs,

  
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GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



