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December 14, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-second State Legislature  
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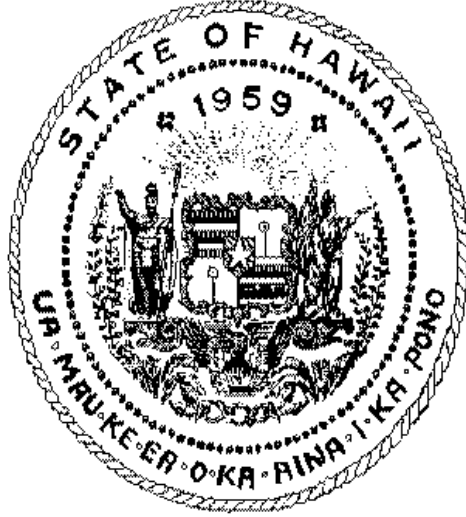
Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the **Annual Report on the Return of Out-of-State Inmates**, in response to Act 8, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, Special Session, Part 1, Section 7(c). In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: [Department of Public Safety | 2023 Reports to Legislature \(hawaii.gov\)](https://www.dps.hawaii.gov/2023-Reports-to-Legislature)

Sincerely,

  
Tommy Johnson  
Director

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2023 LEGISLATURE

ACT 8 (2007)

SPECIAL SESSION, PART 1, SECTION 7(C)  
RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE INMATES

November 2023

**Act 8 (2007) Special Session, Part 1, Section 7(c)  
Return of Out-of-State Inmates**

Department of Public Safety (PSD) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in Act 8 to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. PSD has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawaii’s correctional facilities in a timely manner. Qualified inmates are measured by the completion of all recommended programs, misconduct-free records, and minimum custody levels.

From November 2022 to October 2023, PSD brought 294 qualified inmates back to Hawaii for parole, Sex Offender Treatment program or work furlough participation.

The following table shows the inmates that are within 1 year of their parole hearing date and have not been returned in 2023:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e. Refuse programs, termination of programs) resulting in Medium Custody	97
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months resulting in Medium Custody	135
Escape history within past 7 years from community/ minimum custody facility, resulting in higher custody level	19
Detainers (i.e. Immigration, Federal, State) that precludes minimum custody housing	24
Refuse to work furlough programs & parole; wants to max out resulting in Medium Custody	51
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawaii (Interstate)	5
Pending available bed space at furlough program	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331</b>

PSD continues to return inmates back to Hawaii from the mainland facility. From the previous count of 996 inmates (Beginning of 2023), the count of inmates has dropped to 876 inmates current housed at the out-of-state facility. Public Safety continues to strive to comply with ACT 8 by encouraging inmates to complete their recommended programs to transition back thru the work furlough program and achieve the goals and objectives of Act 8.