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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER SITE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Oahu community  
2           correctional center no longer properly serves the needs of its  
3           inmate population or the surrounding community of Kalihi and is  
4           no longer conducive to running an effective and secure modern  
5           corrections facility. The legislature also finds that the  
6           current location of the Oahu community correctional center is  
7           not a suitable location for a jail. The jail is also near the  
8           future route of the Honolulu rail transit project, and the  
9           presence of the Oahu community correctional center may hinder  
10          rail-related growth in the surrounding community.

11          The legislature further finds that the State is currently  
12          evaluating proposals to relocate the Oahu community correctional  
13          center. In 2018, the governor announced plans to relocate the  
14          jail to the site of the State's animal quarantine facility in  
15          Halawa.

16          The legislature further finds that for decades, government  
17          and private entities have shown interest in redeveloping the



1 Oahu community correctional center site. The development of  
2 this portion of Kalihi opens an opportunity to increase and  
3 improve the community's affordable housing inventory, employment  
4 options, and economic development potential. However, as with  
5 any project, planning will be required to ensure the  
6 redevelopment is compatible with the existing community. This  
7 planning must be done collaboratively between all relevant  
8 public and private organizations and the broader community.  
9 Among other things, the planning must ensure that the zoning of  
10 the jail site, and the zoning of surrounding parcels, are  
11 conducive to the needs of the community. Good planning can also  
12 help to promote public safety in the area, preventing the  
13 recurrence of recent instances of criminal activity in the area  
14 surrounding the jail site, such as illegal gambling.

15 The legislature further finds that planning is also  
16 necessary to ensure that the infrastructure serving the site is  
17 adequate to support its intended uses. This is particularly  
18 important because some of the infrastructure around the jail  
19 site is privately owned. Recently, a street near the Oahu  
20 community correctional center was found to be contaminated with  
21 dangerous levels of lead. The United States Environmental



1 Protection Agency had to obtain an administrative warrant to  
2 access the road because the road did not have a designated  
3 owner. The delays that these hurdles caused were of great  
4 concern because the contaminated road was located in a dense  
5 urban neighborhood with numerous residents and within a half-  
6 mile of schools and parks. Adequate planning could help to  
7 prevent these types of issues from recurring in the future.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Oahu community  
9 correctional center site redevelopment working group to bring  
10 together state and county agencies, private entities, and the  
11 broader Kalihi community to:

- 12 (1) Examine ways to best utilize the Oahu community  
13 correctional center site and the surrounding area  
14 after the correctional center is relocated to a new  
15 location; and
- 16 (2) Identify, study, work through, and recommend solutions  
17 to issues relating to the redevelopment of the Oahu  
18 community correctional center site and the surrounding  
19 area.

20 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the office of  
21 planning and sustainable development for administrative purposes



1 only the Oahu community correctional center site redevelopment  
2 working group.

3 (b) The working group shall identify, study, work through,  
4 and recommend solutions to the following:

5 (1) Best uses of the Oahu community correctional center  
6 site and the surrounding area after the correctional  
7 center is relocated;

8 (2) Possible changes in zoning to implement the  
9 utilizations identified in paragraph (1);

10 (3) Issues relating to the ownership and maintenance for  
11 any roads or other infrastructure whose ownership is  
12 in dispute at the site or the surrounding area;

13 (4) Mitigation of, and adaptation to, the effects of  
14 climate change at the site and the surrounding area;

15 (5) Integration of the site with the future Honolulu rail  
16 transit system;

17 (6) Integration of the site with any existing area  
18 transit-oriented development plans;

19 (7) Integration of the site with the larger Kalihi  
20 community;



- 1           (8) Recommendations to maximize the use of the site to  
2           revitalize the Kalihi community and promote Kalihi as  
3           a major center of economic activity, while also  
4           ensuring that residents of the Kalihi community gain  
5           economic and other benefits from the redevelopment;  
6           and
- 7           (9) Any other issues that the working group finds to be  
8           relevant to the site and surrounding area.
- 9           (c) Members of the working group shall include:
- 10          (1) The governor or the governor's designee, who shall  
11          convene the working group's initial meeting;
- 12          (2) The member of the state senate whose district includes  
13          the Oahu community correctional center site or the  
14          senator's designee;
- 15          (3) The member of the state house of representatives whose  
16          district includes the Oahu community correctional  
17          center site or the representative's designee;
- 18          (4) The superintendent of education or the  
19          superintendent's designee;
- 20          (5) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or  
21          the chairperson's designee;



- 1           (6) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
2                   resources or the chairperson's designee;
- 3           (7) The director of public safety or the director's  
4                   designee;
- 5           (8) The director of transportation or the director's  
6                   designee;
- 7           (9) The director of the office of planning and sustainable  
8                   development or the director's designee;
- 9           (10) The chancellor of the Honolulu community college or  
10                   the chancellor's designee;
- 11          (11) The executive director of the Hawaii housing finance  
12                   and development corporation or the executive  
13                   director's designee;
- 14          (12) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the  
15                   mayor's designee;
- 16          (13) The member of the Honolulu city council whose district  
17                   includes the Oahu community correctional center site  
18                   or the councilmember's designee;
- 19          (14) The director of the department of facility maintenance  
20                   of the city and county of Honolulu or the director's  
21                   designee;



- 1           (15) The director of the department of planning and  
2                    permitting of the city and county of Honolulu or the  
3                    director's designee;
- 4           (16) The executive director of the Honolulu authority for  
5                    rapid transit or the executive director's designee;
- 6           (17) A member of the Kalihi/Palama neighborhood board  
7                    number fifteen;
- 8           (18) A representative to be invited from Kamehameha  
9                    Schools;
- 10          (19) A representative to be invited from Kokua Kalihi  
11                    Valley; and
- 12          (20) A representative to be invited from the Susanna Wesley  
13                    Community Center.
- 14          (d) In addition to the members designated by subsection  
15          (c), the working group may invite any other appropriate person  
16          to join the working group.
- 17          (e) The initial meeting of the working group shall take  
18          place no later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
19          Act and shall be convened by the governor or the governor's  
20          designee. The working group shall elect a chairperson and any



1 other necessary officers from among its members at the initial  
2 meeting.

3 (f) Members of the working group shall serve without  
4 compensation. No member of the working group shall be subject  
5 to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of  
6 that member's participation on the working group.

7 (g) In fulfilling its responsibilities, the working group  
8 shall consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from government  
9 officials, Kalihi area residents, and representatives from the  
10 public and private sectors, nonprofit social service  
11 organizations, and community-based organizations.

12 (h) To ensure transparency in the working group's  
13 proceedings, the working group shall:

14 (1) Hold meetings on convenient dates and times to allow  
15 interested members of the public to attend, whether  
16 in-person or virtually; and

17 (2) Hold at least two meetings in which public comment or  
18 input is listed as an agenda item and make reasonable  
19 efforts to publicize the opportunity for the public to  
20 submit input in advance.





1 (i) The office of planning and sustainable development  
2 shall provide administrative and clerical support as required by  
3 the working group.

4 (j) The working group shall submit a report of its  
5 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
6 legislation, to the governor, the legislature, the mayor of the  
7 city and county of Honolulu, and the Honolulu city council no  
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
9 sessions of 2024 and 2025.

10 (k) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,  
11 2025.

12 (l) As used in this Act:

13 "Oahu community correctional center site" or "site" means  
14 the site located at 2199 Kamehameha highway, TMK 1-2-013:002, on  
15 which the Oahu community correctional center is located.

16 "Surrounding area" means the area within a one-half mile  
17 radius of the current location of the Oahu community  
18 correctional center; provided that the term may include areas  
19 outside of the one-half mile radius when determined by the  
20 working group to be necessary for planning purposes.

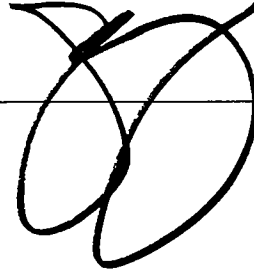
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 453

**Report Title:**

Kalihi; Oahu Community Correctional Center Site; Redevelopment;  
Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes the Oahu community correctional center site redevelopment working group to bring together state and county agencies, private entities, and the broader Kalihi community to examine how to best utilize the Oahu community correctional center site and the surrounding area after the correctional center is relocated to a new location and identify, work through, and recommend solutions to issues relating to the redevelopment.

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