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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR ADVISOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO DEFINE THEIR ROLE AND TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PROGRESS THE STATE HAS MADE TOWARDS JAIL DIVERSION.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health
2 and the Justice System has an undefined role; and
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4 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, at a joint informational
5 briefing where participants were requested to bring data in
6 support of their presentation, the Governor's Senior Advisor for
7 Mental Health and the Justice System provided the Substance
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) model
9 on jail diversion, but provided no other data; and
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11 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, the Department of Health
12 presented that, for a one-year period, only one percent of post-
13 booking jail diversion referrals were accepted; and
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117,
16 S.D. 1, H.D 1 (2007), as former co-chair of the established task
17 force, Governor Green recommended community-based services to
18 avoid readmission to the Hawaii State Hospital and a community
19 secure residential program operated by CARE Hawaii, Inc. as a
20 form of jail diversion; and
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22 WHEREAS, by letter dated February 8, 2024, and at the
23 latest informational briefing, the Chairperson of the Senate
24 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the
25 Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce and
26 Consumer Protection requested: "As such, please provide to us
27 the following:
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- 29 (1) A comprehensive chart, as promised in the
30 informational hearing on February 5, presenting the
31 various projects and programs that fit into your
32 overall continuum;
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1 (2) The State's capacity in each service area, by agency,
2 and the current state of those unmet needs; and
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4 (3) The Governor's plans to address that unmet need,
5 including specific budgetary requirements;
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7 Please include in such comprehensive chart, the jail diversion
8 programs in the Judiciary and the triage centers financed by
9 OHHS such as that run by IHS. Please also include within the
10 Governor's plans, his plan to reduce the population in the
11 Hawaii State Hospital"; and
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13 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the Governor's Senior
14 Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System presented in
15 response to the Senators' requests the Judiciary's report, which
16 provided data on seven hundred and four mental assessments
17 conducted, but otherwise provided no additional data on the
18 various community programs funded since the 2008 report to the
19 Legislature pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117,
20 S.D. 1, H.D 1 (2007) and whether any of those programs fit into
21 the SAMHSA intercept model; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
25 that the Governor's Senior Advisor for the Mental Health and the
26 Justice System is urged to define their role and to provide an
27 annual report to the Legislature on the progress the State has
28 made towards jail diversion; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Senior Advisor
31 for Mental Health and the Justice System is requested to:
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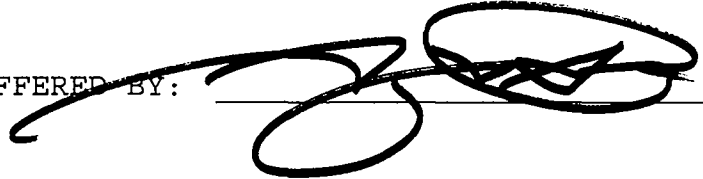
33 (1) Gather data on the various community programs funded
34 by the Department of Human Services, Department of
35 Health, and the Judiciary, that provide various
36 services in the SAMHSA intercept model; and
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38 (2) Provide an annual report to the Legislature of the
39 identified programs, their capacities, and detailed
40 reasons for the high failure rate and unmet needs; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Governor's
3 Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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