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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION,
IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE NEW OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
CENTER IN HALAWA, TO INCLUDE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES
AND ESTABLISH A RELEASE PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH DETAINEES OR
INMATES, UPON RELEASE, ARE TRANSPORTED TO A SITE OTHER THAN
RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES OR PUBLIC SPACES.

by
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House Committee on Public Safety Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair

Friday, March 21, 2025; 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 411 & via Videoconference

Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) **supports the intent** of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 26, which requests that DCR, in the planning and designing of the new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) in Halawa, to coordinate with the Judiciary to include circuit and district court facilities in the new OCCC, and establish a release procedure under which detainees or inmates, upon release, are transported to a site other than residential communities or public spaces.

DCR understands the intent of SCR 26 and believes that a single multipurppose courtroom in the new OCCC that can be utilized by both the circuit and district courts will be sufficient, and beneficial for the community. DCR will review all available options, with respect to transporting detainess and inmates upon release to an alternate location.

The DCR thanks the legislature for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of HCR 23.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
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Comments:

I support this initiative.