

STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
AND REHABILITATION**
*Ka 'Oihana Ho'omalua Kalaima
a Ho'oponopono Ola*
1177 Alakea Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
808-587-1288

TOMMY JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

Melanie Martin
Deputy Director
Administration

Vacant
Deputy Director
Correctional Institutions

Sanna Muñoz
Deputy Director
Rehabilitation Services
and
Programs

No. _____

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32 / SENATE RESOLUTION 18
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO
COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO USE INMATE
WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS FOR STATE ROADWAY AND HIGHWAY
MAINTENANCE.

by

Tommy Johnson, Director
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

AND

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye

Monday, March 24, 2025; 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & via Videoconference

Chairs Elefante and Lee, Vice Chair Wakai and Inouye, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) **supports the intent** of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 32 / Senate Resolution (SR) 18, which requests the DCR collaborate with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use inmate work furlough programs for state roadway and highway maintenance

DCR appreciates the legislature's interest in DCR and DOT's collaboration to use the inmate work furlough programs for state roadway and highway maintenance. At present, DOT is the largest employer of inmate labor relating to state roadway and highway maintenance. DOT has for years, contracted with DCR's Hawai'i Correctional Industries (HCI) Division for six (6) daily workline crews to perform state roadway and highway maintenance. As additional inmates qualify for participation in these worklines, DCR will incrementally increase the number of worklines.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of SCR 32 / SR 18.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



MARK PATTERSON
CHAIR

CHRISTIN M. JOHNSON
OVERSIGHT COORDINATOR

COMMISSIONERS
HON. R. MARK BROWNING (ret.)

HON. RONALD IBARRA (ret.)

MARTHA TORNEY

HON. MICHAEL A. TOWN (ret.)

STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
E HUIKALA A MA'EMA'E NŌ
235 S. Beretania Street, 16th Floor
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
(808) 587-4160

TO: The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

FROM: Mark Patterson, Chair
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, Requesting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to collaborate with the Department of Transportation to use inmate work furlough programs for state roadway and highway maintenance.
Hearing: Monday, March 24, 2025; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

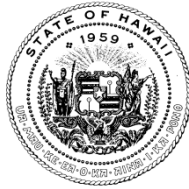
Chair Elefante, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) **supports the intent and offers comment** on Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, Requesting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to collaborate with the Department of Transportation to use inmate work furlough programs for state roadway and highway maintenance.

The Commission would like to bring to your attention the fact that these services are already being provided for those who are considered community custody as a community service workline, being paid – at most – \$1.00 per hour. Since the Department already has a workline partnership with the DOT, it's the Commission's concern that the payment for those on the furlough workline would potentially remain the same as those on the community service workline. Although the Commission supports the expansion of work opportunities in preparation for reintegration back into society, the purpose of work furlough, among other things, is to earn and save money in preparation for release from incarceration. Therefore, those who are considered work furlough should be paid at least minimum wage.

Should you have additional questions, the Oversight Coordinator, Christin Johnson, can be reached at 808-900-2200 or at christin.m.johnson@hawaii.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



EDWIN H. SNIFFEN
DIRECTOR
KA LUNA HO'OKELE

Deputy Directors
Nā Hope Luna Ho'okele
DREANALEE K. KALILI
TAMMY L. LEE
CURT T. OTAGURO
ROBIN K. SHISHIDO

LATE

STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | KA 'OIHANA ALAKAU
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

March 24, 2025
3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Room 225 & Videoconference

S.C.R. 32 / S.R. 18
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO
COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO USE
INMATE WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS FOR STATE ROADWAY AND HIGHWAY
MAINTENANCE

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.C.R. 32 / S.R. 18**, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is requested to collaborate with the HDOT to use inmate work furlough programs for state and highway maintenance.

HDOT Highways, currently has an agreement of services with the State Hawaii Department of Public Safety utilizing Hawaii Correctional Industries in providing landscaping, grounds maintenance and labor services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-32

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:24:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this initiative.