



STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND REHABILITATION**  
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No. \_\_\_\_\_

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
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  
Tommy Johnson, Director  
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 1, 2025; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325 & via Videoconference

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) **supports the intent** of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 26, House Draft (HD) 1, 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 HCR 26, HD 1, and believes that a single multipurpose 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 detainees 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, HD 1.



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2025 Regular Session**

**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Friday, April 11, 2025, 3:05 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

by

Rodney A. Maile

Administrative Director of the Courts

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Resolution No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, H.D.1, Requesting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in Planning and Designing the New O‘ahu Community Correctional Center in Halawa, to include a Circuit and District Court Facility and Establish a Release Procedure Under Which Detainees or Inmates, Upon Release, are Transported to a Site Other than Residential Communities or Public Spaces.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports the intent of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, H.D.1 to incorporate a courtroom facility within the design of the new O‘ahu Community Correctional Center in Halawa, and we believe that a single multipurpose courtroom facility would be sufficient.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this Concurrent Resolution.

**HCR-23-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/9/2025 2:42:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/11/2025 3:05:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Frank Schultz       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support this initiative.