
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, AND PARTNER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHERE NECESSARY TO BENEFIT THE KALIHI COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate
9 escapes; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on
14 the construction of a new, 1,125-bed Oahu Community Correctional
15 Center to be relocated from the current Kalihi site; and
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17 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu
18 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding
19 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and
20 other commercial establishments; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that
23 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
24 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration
25 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and



1 WHEREAS, the presence of the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and
3 currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's opportunity to
4 benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment
5 projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that
8 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including by
9 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to
10 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and
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12 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
13 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the
14 potential to be equally or more expensive than building a new
15 facility in another location; and
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17 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
18 would generate land development opportunities on the current
19 Kalihi site and spur private-public partnerships that could
20 improve Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail
21 without an undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or
22 long-term lease of the Kalihi site; and
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24 WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is
25 well situated to become a major center of economic activity,
26 generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and
27 property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and
28 benefit from private development related to transit-orientated
29 growth; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2015, that the Governor is urged to:
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- 35 (1) Consolidate the Oahu Community Correctional Center
36 within the Halawa Correctional Facility; and
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38 (2) Facilitate redevelopment of the land that is currently
39 occupied by the Oahu Community Correctional Center to
40 benefit the Kalihi community and the State, including



