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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH AN  
EARNED-TIME PROGRAM THAT REDUCES THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME  
THAT INMATES MUST WAIT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

1           WHEREAS, many correctional jurisdictions in the United  
2 States use an incentive system that rewards inmates for positive  
3 behavior while incarcerated; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of inmates is an important step  
6 in the process of enabling the inmates to successfully reenter  
7 the community; and  
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9           WHEREAS, an earned-time credit system that would allow  
10 inmates to become eligible for parole faster would be a powerful  
11 tool in providing an incentive for inmates to behave in a  
12 positive manner; and  
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14           WHEREAS, an earned-time credit system that reduces an  
15 inmate's waiting period to become eligible for parole would also  
16 be an incentive for inmates that do not have any behavioral  
17 problems; and  
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19           WHEREAS, an earned-time credit system would encourage  
20 inmate participation in rehabilitation programs that assist the  
21 inmates in reentering the community; and  
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23           WHEREAS, an earned-time credit system would help to relieve  
24 inmate overcrowding; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
29 Public Safety is requested to examine various earned-time  
30 programs established under the laws of other states in order to  
31 develop an earned-time program for Hawaii inmates incarcerated  
32 in Hawaii and on the mainland; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety is requested to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the establishment of an earned-time program to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Director of Public Safety.

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