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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RESEARCH AND STUDY  
EARLY PAROLE ELIGIBILITY PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE THE MINIMUM  
PERIOD OF TIME THAT HAWAII 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, a report and recommendation by the Department of  
10 Public Safety on an appropriate early parole eligibility program  
11 for Hawaii inmates incarcerated in Hawaii and on the mainland  
12 would be the first step in providing the inmates with an  
13 opportunity to reduce their length of incarceration; and  
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15           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would be a  
16 powerful tool in providing an incentive for inmates to behave in  
17 a positive manner; and  
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19           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would  
20 encourage inmate participation in rehabilitation programs that  
21 assist the inmates in reentering the community; and  
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23           WHEREAS, an early parole eligibility program would help  
24 relieve 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 research and study early parole  
30 eligibility programs established under the laws of other  
31 jurisdictions in order to report recommendations to the



1 Legislature on the issues related to establishing an early  
2 parole eligibility program for Hawaii inmates incarcerated in  
3 Hawaii and on the mainland; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public  
6 Safety's recommendations are requested to incorporate analysis  
7 and assessment of the appropriate criteria to be used for an  
8 early parole eligibility program for Hawaii inmates incarcerated  
9 in Hawaii and on the mainland; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
12 is requested to report its findings, conclusions, and  
13 recommendations regarding early parole eligibility programs,  
14 including recommendations for proposed legislation that may be  
15 required, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
16 the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
20 State of Hawaii and the Director of Public Safety.

