
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A PRISON AT THE STATE
QUARANTINE STATION AT HALAWA, OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, with incarceration of Hawaii inmates on the
2 mainland, thousands of miles away from family and other
3 community support, which is an integral part of any successful
4 reentry back into the community, the rate of recidivism of
5 mainland housed prisoners committing subsequent crimes is
6 estimated at as high as ninety per cent, compared to a rate of
7 recidivism of forty-five to fifty-seven per cent for inmates
8 imprisoned here; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognized this issue with the
11 enactment of Act 8, Special Session of 2007, requiring the
12 return to Hawaii of inmates held in out-of-state prisons within
13 at least one year prior to the inmate's parole or release date,
14 in order for these inmates to participate in programs preparing
15 them for reentry on the island where they have the most support;
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18 WHEREAS, there are potential sites within the State, on
19 both public and private lands, that may be appropriate for the
20 development of correctional facilities that may allow the State
21 to properly implement the return and reentry provisions of Act 8
22 and ease the overall correctional facilities overcrowding
23 problem within the State; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
28 Bureau is requested to study:
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- 1 (1) The feasibility of constructing correctional
- 2 facilities at the former animal quarantine station at
- 3 Halawa, Oahu;
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- 5 (2) Whether the State may consider the fee simple sale or,
- 6 if the lands are part of the public ceded lands trust,
- 7 a long-term lease or other appropriate method of
- 8 alienation of development rights for the lands
- 9 presently housing the Oahu Community Correctional
- 10 Center; and
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- 12 (3) Whether the proceeds from the sale of the fee
- 13 interest, long-term lease, or other alienation of
- 14 development rights in the lands presently housing the
- 15 Oahu Community Correctional Center would be sufficient
- 16 to finance the construction of a new prison facility
- 17 in the State.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference

20 Bureau is requested to submit findings and recommendations,

21 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the

22 Legislature, not later than twenty days prior to the convening

23 of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the

27 Legislative Reference Bureau and the Director of Public Safety.

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