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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A BIG ISLAND  
JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER.

1           WHEREAS, authorities that detain juveniles on the island of  
2 Hawaii for legal infractions or other criminal violations have  
3 limited options on where to hold the juvenile in custody after  
4 the point of arrest; and  
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6           WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are in need of a facility  
7 to house and hold juvenile offenders in a safe and secure manner  
8 that consequently allows the law enforcement officers to proceed  
9 with their patrol duties; and  
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11           WHEREAS, numerous County of Hawaii agencies have entered  
12 into a Memorandum of Agreement for mandatory participation in  
13 establishing a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center  
14 that is dedicated solely to servicing at-risk and delinquent  
15 juveniles and their families; and  
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17           WHEREAS, a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center  
18 would provide temporary non-police supervision to arrested  
19 juveniles who cannot be returned to their homes because of drug,  
20 alcohol, or mental health problems, or family issues; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in 2006 there were over 2,350 juveniles arrested  
23 on the island of Hawaii; and  
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25           WHEREAS, various stakeholders and supporters of a Big  
26 Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center have already  
27 completed a thorough business plan that identifies the necessary  
28 startup and annual operating costs for the Center; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the various stakeholders, supporters, and County  
31 of Hawaii agencies are ready to move forward with a pilot  
32 program at a facility in Pahoia that can be implemented at less

1 than a third of the cost of the comprehensive Big Island  
2 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center initiative; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment  
5 Center will focus on new prevention and intervention strategies  
6 that utilize numerous County of Hawaii agencies in treating and  
7 servicing juvenile offenders; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
12 affirms the need to establish a Big Island Juvenile Intake and  
13 Assessment Center and encourages the stakeholders to build upon  
14 the initiatives and momentum created by numerous County of  
15 Hawaii agencies in developing the concept for a Big Island  
16 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, including the pilot  
17 program in Pahoia; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although current economic  
20 constraints prevent the State from appropriating funding at this  
21 time to establish a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment  
22 Center, the Legislature affirms its present and future support  
23 of continued efforts to establish and develop a Big Island  
24 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor  
28 of Hawaii County, Chair of the Board of Education, Director of  
29 Health, Director of Human Services, the Probation Office of the  
30 Third Circuit Judicial District, the County of Hawaii Police  
31 Department, the County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting  
32 Attorney, and the County of Hawaii Office of the Public  
33 Defender.