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S.R. NO. 89

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO
RESUME ITS MEETINGS AND TO MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

1 WHEREAS, the Corrections Population Management Commission
2 was established by Act 343, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Commission was expanded from eight to eleven
5 members, to represent all three branches of state government,
6 the county departments of the prosecuting attorney, and two
7 community representatives; and
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9 WHEREAS, the objective of the Commission is "to establish
10 maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility
11 and to formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate
12 population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional
13 facility"; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Commission is administratively attached to the
16 Department of Public Safety; and
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18 WHEREAS, the closure of Kulani Correctional Facility should
19 have been brought before and discussed by the Commission; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Commission failed to hold meetings from 2003
22 to 2008, as required by law; and
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24 WHEREAS, when the Commission began meeting again in 2008,
25 the Department of Public Safety failed to distribute population
26 reports to the Commission; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Commission has been denied input on important
29 decisions relating to the corrections population in facilities
30 located in Hawaii and out-of-state; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Commission was excluded from the discussion
33 and decision to close Kulani Correctional Facility; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Commission was established by law to assist
2 the State in satisfying the requirements of a consent decree,
3 which was the result of the 1985 lawsuit regarding overcrowding
4 in correctional facilities; and
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6 WHEREAS, the placement of fifty-four per cent of Hawaii's
7 corrections population in private prisons on the continental
8 United States should be a matter of discussion and debate for
9 the Commission; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
13 that the Corrections Population Management Commission is
14 requested to resume its meetings and to meet at least quarterly
15 to carry out its objectives; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
18 is requested to distribute population reports and other relevant
19 population information at Commission meetings; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of full public
22 disclosure, the Department of Public Safety is requested to make
23 all handouts, population reports, and related information
24 available on its website; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
28 Public Safety, the Chairperson of the Corrections Population
29 Management Commission, the Chairperson of the Public Safety
30 Committee of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of
31 the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee of the Senate,
32 and the Attorney General.
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