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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE OAHU COMMUNITY  
CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
AND TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND CURRENTLY  
OCCUPIED BY THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO  
BENEFIT THE KALIHI COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional  
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate  
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and  
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5           WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-  
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated  
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has  
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple escapes;  
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11           WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot  
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this  
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on  
14 the construction of a new, 1,125-bed Oahu Community Correctional  
15 Center to be relocated from the current Kalihi site; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu  
18 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding  
19 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and  
20 other commercial establishments; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that  
23 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current  
24 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration  
25 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and



1           WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center also sits  
2 along the future route of the Honolulu rail transit project, and  
3 its presence will hinder the rail-related growth of the  
4 surrounding community; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that  
7 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including  
8 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to  
9 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and  
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11           WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because  
12 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the  
13 potential of being equally or more expensive than building a new  
14 facility in another location; and  
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16           WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center  
17 would generate land development opportunities on the current  
18 Kalihi site; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the sale or long-term lease of the Kalihi site  
21 could be used to offset the cost of a new or consolidated jail  
22 and, if zoned appropriately, the Kalihi site could be turned  
23 into a major center of economic activity generating tax revenues  
24 and lease-rent income for the State and property tax revenues  
25 for the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Kalihi site could  
28 function as a magnet for future development and revitalization;  
29 now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is  
34 urged to consolidate the Oahu Community Correctional Center  
35 within the Halawa Correctional Facility and to facilitate  
36 redevelopment of the land that is currently occupied by the Oahu  
37 Community Correctional Center to benefit the Kalihi community  
38 and the State; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
3 of Public Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama  
4 Neighborhood Board.  
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