

---

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's  
2           correctional facilities are extremely old and are in need of  
3           significant repair and maintenance. An outdated correctional  
4           facility that is rebuilt and upgraded, incorporating modern  
5           technology, is a cost-efficient way to provide the State with an  
6           improved and modern correctional facility.

7           The legislature further finds that the Oahu community  
8           correctional center is a critical facility that is in need of  
9           repairs and upgrades. Moving the Oahu community correctional  
10          center's inmates and provided services to the Halawa  
11          correctional facility, a location that is capable of  
12          accommodating a new multi-story facility if several older  
13          portions of the prison are torn down and replaced, furthers  
14          public safety and provides the State with a much-needed, modern  
15          correctional facility. In addition, this strategy would allow  
16          for the redevelopment of the original Oahu community  
17          correctional center site in Kalihi, a desirable location due in  
18          part to the site's close proximity to a future rail transit



1 station. Redevelopment of the Oahu community correctional  
2 center site could include housing, retail, restaurants,  
3 government buildings, and parks.

4 The purpose of this Act is to require and appropriate funds  
5 for the department of public safety to construct a multi-story  
6 correctional facility at the Halawa correctional facility to  
7 replace the existing Oahu community correctional center,  
8 furthering public safety and providing the State with an  
9 updated, modern correctional facility.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The department of public safety shall  
11 construct a multi-story correctional facility at the Halawa  
12 correctional facility to replace the existing Oahu community  
13 correctional center; provided that the new facility shall:

14 (1) Provide housing for at least one thousand five hundred  
15 inmates; and

16 (2) Accommodate the inmates and the services currently  
17 housed at the Oahu community correctional center.

18 (b) The department of public safety may enter into a  
19 public-private partnership to plan, design, and construct the  
20 multi-story correctional facility.



1 (c) As part of the planning process, the department of  
2 public safety shall hold a community partnering meeting to  
3 receive community input and comments regarding the proposed  
4 location, size, programming, and other matters pertaining to the  
5 multi-story correctional facility.

6 (d) The multi-story correctional facility shall be a  
7 secure, minimum- to medium-security community correctional  
8 facility designed to provide intensive in-house rehabilitation  
9 programs for the treatment of chemical dependency and abuse and  
10 other mental health problems.

11 (e) The multi-story correctional facility shall be  
12 designed to be operated by the State with the capability of  
13 providing a range of programs that address education,  
14 prevention, and treatment and are directed at preventing drug  
15 and substance abuse and treating other mental health problems.

16 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
17 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
19 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016  
20 for the planning, design, and construction of a multi-story



1 correctional facility at the Halawa correctional facility to  
2 replace the existing Oahu community correctional center.

3 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
4 department of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital  
6 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
7 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
8 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



**Report Title:**

Department of Public Safety; Oahu Community Correctional Center; Halawa Correctional Facility; Construction; General Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of public safety to construct a multi-story correctional facility at the Halawa correctional facility to replace the existing Oahu community correctional center. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of the multi-story correctional facility. (SD1)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

