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# 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 Oahu community  
2           correctional center is more than one hundred years old and no  
3           longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate  
4           population or the surrounding community of Kalihi. As the  
5           largest jail facility in the State, the sixteen-acre, nine  
6           hundred fifty-bed Oahu community correctional center has  
7           outdated security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has  
8           contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate  
9           escapes.

10           The Oahu community correctional center cannot accommodate  
11           current and projected detention needs. The director of public  
12           safety has stated that rebuilding the Oahu community  
13           correctional center at its current Kalihi site is not a viable  
14           option, in large part because renovation would be cost-  
15           prohibitive. Upgrading the aging Oahu community correctional  
16           Center will be equally or more expensive than building a new  
17           facility in another location.



1 Kalihi is not an appropriate place for a community  
2 correctional center since its immediate surrounding area  
3 contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and other  
4 commercial establishments. The presence of the Oahu community  
5 correctional center has historically discouraged development in  
6 Kalihi and currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's  
7 opportunity to benefit from transit-related development and  
8 redevelopment projects.

9 The State is currently evaluating proposals that would  
10 expand the Halawa correctional facility, including by combining  
11 it with the Oahu community correctional center, to take  
12 advantage of the efficiencies and money-saving practices of  
13 consolidation.

14 Relocating the Oahu community correctional center will  
15 generate land development opportunities on the current Kalihi  
16 site and spur private-public partnerships that could improve  
17 Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail without an  
18 undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or long-term  
19 lease of the Kalihi site.

20 If developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is well  
21 situated to become a major center of economic activity, generate



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1 tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and property  
2 tax revenues for the city and county of Honolulu, and benefit  
3 from private development related to transit-oriented growth.

4 The purpose of this Act is to provide the State with  
5 appropriate correctional facilities by:

- 6 (1) Requiring the department of public safety to construct  
7 a multi-story correctional facility at the Halawa  
8 correctional facility to replace the existing Oahu  
9 community correctional center;
- 10 (2) Requiring the director of public safety to commission  
11 a study on the feasibility of having the State  
12 redevelop the land that is currently occupied by the  
13 Oahu community correctional center to benefit the  
14 Kalihi community and the State; and
- 15 (3) Appropriating funds for the construction of the  
16 correctional facility and the feasibility study as  
17 defined by this Act.

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



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

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

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

8           (c) As part of the planning process, the department of  
9 public safety shall hold a community partnering meeting to  
10 receive community input and comments regarding the proposed  
11 location, size, programming, and other matters pertaining to the  
12 multi-story correctional facility.

13          (d) The multi-story correctional facility shall be a  
14 secure, minimum- to medium-security community correctional  
15 facility designed to provide intensive in-house rehabilitation  
16 programs for the treatment of chemical dependency and abuse and  
17 other mental health problems.

18          (e) The multi-story correctional facility shall be  
19 designed to be operated by the State with the capability of  
20 providing a range of programs that address education,



1 prevention, and treatment and are directed at preventing drug  
2 and substance abuse and treating other mental health problems.

3 SECTION 3. (a) The director of public safety shall  
4 commission a study on the feasibility of State redevelopment of  
5 the land that is currently occupied by the Oahu community  
6 correctional center to benefit the Kalihi community and the  
7 State.

8 (b) The feasibility study shall include but not be limited  
9 to consideration of the following:

10 (1) Forming partnerships with the private sector to  
11 generate revenue and innovative development  
12 opportunities from the land that is currently occupied  
13 by the Oahu community correctional center;

14 (2) Revitalizing Kalihi and promoting Kalihi as a major  
15 center of economic activity while ensuring the State  
16 and the Kalihi community gain economic and other  
17 benefits from private development related to transit-  
18 oriented growth; and

19 (3) Exploring the sale or long-term lease of the land  
20 currently occupied by the Oahu community correctional  
21 center to generate tax revenues and lease-rent income



1           for the State and property tax revenues for the city  
2           and county of Honolulu.

3           (c) In conducting the feasibility study, the commissioned  
4 party may consult with the attorney general, comptroller,  
5 director of finance, chairperson of the board of land and  
6 natural resources, executive director and chief executive  
7 officer of the Honolulu authority for rapid transportation, and  
8 individuals possessing expertise in the redevelopment of state  
9 land.

10          (d) The director of public safety shall submit the  
11 feasibility study, including its findings, recommendations and  
12 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
13 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
14 2017.

15          SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
18 construction of a new correctional facility at the site of the  
19 Halawa correctional facility and for a feasibility study in  
20 accordance with this Act.



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1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Requires the construction of a correctional facility at the Halawa Correctional Facility site to replace the existing OCCC. Requires a study on the feasibility of State redevelopment of the land that is currently occupied by OCCC. Appropriates funds.

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