
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EFFECTIVE
INCARCERATION POLICIES TO IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL
SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, as states grapple with fiscal challenges and tough
2 budget choices, public safety stakeholders are taking a hard
3 look at the millions of dollars spent on correctional systems;
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6 WHEREAS, the planned relocation of the Oahu Community
7 Correctional Center provides a timely opportunity for public
8 safety stakeholders to evaluate Hawaii's correctional system;
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii's correctional system can benefit from the
12 implementation of effective incarceration policies, programs,
13 and best practices that aim to reduce correctional spending,
14 alleviate inmate overcrowding at correctional facilities, lower
15 recidivism, and address other challenges; and
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17 WHEREAS, a study that identifies and analyzes the effective
18 incarceration policies used by other jurisdictions would provide
19 Hawaii with solutions to improve its correctional system; now,
20 therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Chief Justice
25 is requested to establish a task force to study effective
26 incarceration policies in Hawaii and other jurisdictions, and
27 suggest improvements for Hawaii's correctional system, including
28 recommendations for designs of future correctional facilities;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include
2 identification and analysis of effective incarceration policies
3 used in other states and countries and their related costs to
4 develop and recommend methods and strategies that may be
5 employed by Hawaii to improve its correctional system; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of
8 eleven members designated as follows:
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- 10 (1) The Chief Justice, or the Chief Justice's designee,
11 who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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- 13 (2) The Administrator of the Judiciary's Adult Client
14 Services Branch, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 16 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, or
17 the Chairperson's designee;
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- 19 (4) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
20 designee;
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- 22 (5) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Public
23 Safety;
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- 25 (6) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public
26 Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs;
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- 28 (7) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office
29 of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 31 (8) A representative from the Native Hawaiian Legal
32 Corporation;
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- 34 (9) A faculty member with expertise in criminology or
35 penology appointed by the President of the University
36 of Hawaii;
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- 38 (10) A member of the public who has knowledge and expertise
39 with the Hawaii correctional system appointed by the
40 Director of Public Safety;
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- 42 (11) A male former prison inmate appointed by the Director
43 of Public Safety;
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1 (12) A female former prison inmate appointed by the
2 Director of Public Safety; and

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4 (13) The Chairperson of the Holomua Puuhonua Committee, or
5 the Chairperson's designee; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force
8 be appointed no later than thirty days after the last day of the
9 Regular Session of 2016, and that the task force convene its
10 initial meeting within thirty days after appointment of the last
11 member; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member shall be made subject
14 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
15 member's participation as a member of the task force; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary and the
18 Department of Public Safety shall provide administrative support
19 to the task force; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon request of the task
22 force, the Legislative Reference Bureau shall assist in the
23 preparation of the report; provided that, before August 1, 2017,
24 the task force shall submit a draft to the Legislative Reference
25 Bureau, including any other information and materials deemed
26 necessary by the Bureau, for the preparation of the final
27 report; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the
30 assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, is requested to
31 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
32 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
33 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
34 2018; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice,
38 Administrator of the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch;
39 Director of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling
40 Authority, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
41 Hawaiian Affairs, President of the University of Hawaii System,
42 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, President of the
43 Board of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and Chairperson
44 of the Holomua Puuhonua Committee.

