
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO REDUCE THE DETAINEE AND INMATE POPULATION WHILE PRESERVING PUBLIC SAFETY, LOWER RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that long prison sentences
2 and an increase in offender recidivism rates have contributed to
3 a spike in the United States' prison population despite the
4 decrease of crime in the past 20 years; and
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6 WHEREAS, the increase in prisoners has led to inflated
7 government spending on corrections, rising operating costs of
8 correctional facilities, and reduced funding for other essential
9 government services; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a collaborative
12 approach by stakeholders using successful, research-based
13 solutions would improve Hawaii's correctional system and ensure
14 positive outcomes for prisoners and the community; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Correctional Justice Task Force created by
17 House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016) and led by
18 Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Michael Wilson has
19 provided meaningful discussion, expert guidance, and suggested
20 improvements regarding Hawaii's incarceration policies,
21 correctional system, and the design of future correctional
22 facilities; and
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24 WHEREAS, while the Correctional Justice Task Force is set
25 to dissolve after 2017, the Legislature finds that the Task
26 Force's efforts to improve Hawaii's correctional system are
27 valuable to the State and should be continued; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Correctional Justice
4 Task Force is requested to continue its study of effective
5 incarceration policies to reduce the detainee and inmate
6 population while preserving public safety, lower recidivism, and
7 improve Hawaii's correctional system as specified in House
8 Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016); and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task
11 Force shall remain the same as established by House Concurrent
12 Resolution No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016); provided that any vacancies in
13 membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original
14 appointment; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall not receive
17 compensation for their services, and no member shall be made
18 subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because
19 of that member's participation as a member of the Correctional
20 Justice Task Force; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task
23 Force shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary and the
27 Department of Public Safety shall provide administrative support
28 to the Correctional Justice Task Force; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Correctional Justice Task
31 Force, with the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau,
32 is requested to submit an additional report of its continued
33 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
34 legislation, that address reducing the State's detainee and
35 inmate population while preserving public safety, lowering
36 recidivism, and improving the correctional system to the
37 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
38 the Regular Session of 2019; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon request of the
41 Correctional Justice Task Force, the Legislative Reference
42 Bureau shall assist in the preparation of its report; provided
43 that, before September 1, 2018, the Task Force shall submit a
44 draft to the Legislative Reference Bureau, including any other



1 information and materials deemed necessary by the Bureau, for
2 the preparation of the final report; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice,
6 Administrator of the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branch,
7 Director of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling
8 Authority, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
9 Hawaiian Affairs, President of the University of Hawaii System,
10 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, President of the
11 Board of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Chairperson of
12 the Holomua Puuhonua Committee, and Chairperson of the
13 Correctional Justice Task Force.

