
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 most of the State's
2 correctional facilities are extremely old, are in need of
3 significant repair and maintenance, and lack the capacity to
4 accommodate current and projected detention needs.

5 The Waiawa correctional facility is a minimum-security
6 facility that houses about three hundred thirty adult male
7 sentenced felons who participate in educational programs and
8 community worklines.

9 The Halawa correctional facility consists of two separate
10 facilities. The special-needs facility houses about one hundred
11 maximum- and closed-custody inmates, inmates with severe or
12 chronic mental illness who cannot be placed in the general
13 population, and inmates who require protective custody. The
14 medium-security prison facility houses approximately one
15 thousand two hundred male sentenced felons.

16 To mitigate prison overcrowding, there are about one
17 thousand four hundred male inmates from Halawa correctional



1 facility who are housed in a contracted facility in Arizona at a
2 cost of more than \$40,000,000 annually.

3 The Oahu community correctional center is the largest jail
4 facility in the State, housing about one thousand two hundred
5 pre-trial detainees, short-term sentenced individuals, probation
6 and parole violators, and a pre-release work furlough center.

7 The legislature further finds that the Waiawa correctional
8 facility is located on one hundred ninety-seven acres in Central
9 Oahu with ample land area for a new, higher-capacity
10 correctional facility that could house additional inmates from
11 Halawa correctional facility and house Hawaii inmates from the
12 contracted facility in Arizona. This in turn would enable the
13 relocation of the Oahu community correctional center to a
14 renovated Halawa correctional facility.

15 The purpose of this Act is to:

16 (1) Require the department of public safety to solicit
17 proposals for the purchase or construction of a three
18 thousand-bed correctional facility at the site of the
19 Waiawa correctional facility. The new facility shall
20 be capable of housing the current inmate population of
21 the Halawa correctional facility, Hawaii inmates now



1 housed in Arizona, and the inmate population of
2 existing Waiawa correctional facility; and
3 (2) Upon completion of the new correctional facility at
4 the site of the Waiawa correctional facility, relocate
5 the operations of the Oahu community correctional
6 center to the vacated site of the Halawa correctional
7 facility.

8 SECTION 2. (a) The department of public safety shall
9 solicit proposals for the purchase or construction of a three
10 thousand-bed correctional facility at the site of the Waiawa
11 correctional facility that would be capable of housing the
12 current inmate populations of the Halawa correctional facility,
13 Hawaii inmates now housed in Arizona, and the inmate population
14 of the existing Waiawa correctional facility.

15 (b) Upon completion of the new correctional facility at
16 the site of the Waiawa correctional facility, the department of
17 public safety shall relocate the operations of the Oahu
18 community correctional center to the vacated site of the Halawa
19 correctional facility.

20 SECTION 3. The department of public safety may enter into:



1 (1) A public-private partnership to plan, design, and
2 construct the new correctional facility at the site of
3 the Waiawa correctional facility; and

4 (2) A lease-option contract with any private owner of the
5 new correctional facility at the site of the Waiawa
6 correctional facility to rent the facility for a set
7 amount of time before exercising the option to
8 purchase the facility when or before the lease
9 expires.

10 SECTION 4. The director of public safety shall submit a
11 report to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the
12 convening of the regular session of 2018, of its findings and
13 recommendations, including:

14 (1) A list of proposals with total costs for the purchase
15 or construction of a three thousand-bed correctional
16 facility at the site of the Waiawa correctional
17 facility in accordance with this Act;

18 (2) The feasibility of:

19 (A) Relocating the operations of the Oahu community
20 correctional center to the vacated site of the
21 Halawa correctional facility;



1 (B) Entering into a public-private partnership to
 2 plan, design, and construct the new correctional
 3 facility at the site of the Waiawa correctional
 4 facility; and

5 (C) Entering into a lease-option contract with any
 6 private owner of the new correctional facility at
 7 the site of the Waiawa correctional facility to
 8 rent the facility for a set amount of time before
 9 exercising the option to purchase the facility
 10 when or before the lease expires; and

11 (3) Any proposed legislation, any funding requests, and
 12 any other relevant information the director of public
 13 safety deems necessary to implement this Act.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Waiawa Correctional Facility; Halawa Correctional Facility; Oahu Community Correctional Center

Description:

Requires the department of public safety to solicit proposals for a new correctional facility at Waiawa Correctional Facility.

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