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RESTRICTIVE HOUSING LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP

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**Meeting Minutes**

The Restrictive Housing Legislative Working Group meeting is offered as a hybrid meeting where group members and the public can participate in person, or via teleconference. Details are noted below.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 229, State Capitol  
415 Street Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Recording: [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/live/qbrGANfOld0?si=pBo8qHvtiDBN9Op1)  
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**Items to be Discussed:**

**I. (0:00:10) Welcome & Introductions**

**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Senator Elefante at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

**B. Roll Call**

- **Co-Chair Senator Bradon J.C. Elefante**
- **Co-Chair Representative Della Au Belatti**

- **Member Sergio Alcubilla**
- **Member Kat Brady**
- **Member Dr. Michael Champion**
- **Member Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto**
- **Member Tommy Johnson**
- **Member Dr. Kevan Kamisato**
- **Member Mark Patterson**
- **Member Tuli Tafai**
- **Member McKenna Woodward**

Quorum was established with eleven of thirteen members present. Also present, in person from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation was Michael Hoffman, Institutions Divisions Administrator; Melanie Martin, Deputy Director of Administration; Sanna Muñoz, Deputy Director of Rehabilitation Services and Programs; and Romey Glidewell, Corrections Healthcare Administrator. Also present was Representative David A. Tarnas, Chairperson from the House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

**II. (0:02:51) Approving Minutes from August 21, 2025 Meeting**

- A. Oral Testimony:** None.
- B. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- C. Working Group Discussion:** Co-Chair Belatti moved to approve the minutes, and Tommy Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval without any comments or objections from members.

**III. (0:03:56) Discussion on Time Limit and Testimony Procedure**

- A. Working Group Discussion:** Following Co-Chair Elefante's office meeting with the Office of Information Practices regarding Sunshine Law, Co-Chair Elefante recommended a time limit of two minutes per testifier for each agenda item allowed. Co-Chair Representative Belatti requested that the Chairs have the discretion to maintain flexibility for further questioning and conversation by members of the Working Group. The group adopted the testimony and time limits of two minutes per testifier without objections.
- B. Oral Testimony:** None.
- C. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written testimony was received.

**IV. (0:05:21- 2:03:00) Presentation by the State of Hawaii Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Regarding Restrictive Housing Policies**

Corrections Healthcare Administrator Glidewell summarized the strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations concerning Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) and Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) outlined in the Opulent Assessment and Report. (55:54) Institutions division administrator Hoffman reviewed the department's questions about Act 292, the law governing restrictive housing.

- B. Oral Testimony:** None.
- C. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- D. Discussion:** Members and speakers discussed concerns over and asked questions about whether the department has the funds necessary to implement Act 292 reforms; persistent staffing challenges, including vacancies, overtime, and staff not showing up to

work; lockdowns, including their regularity and how often they are triggered by staffing shortages or emergency medical care; mental health treatment for inmates including screening tools and protocols, suicide intervention policy; how the department treats inmates struggling with addiction and harm reduction policies; discrepancies between Department of Justice regulations, Act 292 and existing policy; the consequences of persistent amphetamine abuse; when someone under 21 might be placed in restrictive housing, including them being either a danger to the general population or endangered by it; infrastructure limitations with regards placing people in the appropriate type of housing; and Department of Health referrals.

**V. (2:03:04) Establishing a Limited Meeting Agenda to Visit the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation HCF on October 28, 2025 at 9:30 AM**

- A. Oral Testimony:** None.
- B. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- C. Working Group Discussion:** Co-Chair Belatti moved to approve the HCF visit, and Director Johnson seconded. With no further discussion or objections from Working Group members, Co-Chair Elefante ordered the HCF site visit.

**VI. (2:04:18) Public Questions and Comments**

- A. Oral Testimony:** No public questions or comments were made.
- B. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written questions or comments were received.
- C. Working Group Discussion:** Co-Chair Belatti proposed meeting in November or December after the October site visit. Co-Chair Elefante said the group would review calendars post-visit and, if needed, meet in January before session. Co-Chair Belatti noted members were initially asked to reserve third Thursdays. Co-Chair Elefante added the Legislature could hold informational briefings.

Member Johnson reiterated for members the dress code and allowed items for the HCF site visit, and that the visit would be approximately two hours.

**VII. (2:06:48) Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Morgan Lee, Office Manager to Representative Della Au Belatti  
Hawaii State Legislature