A BILL FOR AN ACT

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MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO REPLACE THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Oahu community correctional center plays a
- 2 key role in three critical local and state detention and
- 3 correctional functions. It serves as a county jail, community
- 4 corrections center, and reintegration facility for prison
- 5 inmates who will be released back to their home county.
- 6 Its design, site layout, and patchwork of additions make it
- 7 expensive to staff and operate, and compromise security because
- 8 the layout inhibits visual surveillance from the towers and the
- 9 ground. It is not as safe and secure as a contemporary multi-
- security facility design would be. Over the next ten years, the 10
- 11 Oahu community correctional center is projected to need twice
- 12 the facility's current capacity. The facility is landlocked,
- 13 making it unsuitable for necessary additions and future growth
- 14 needs.
- 15 Honolulu will continue to need the largest correctional
- capacity in Hawaii. The sheer size of the Oahu community 16
- 17 correctional facility warrants more support, treatment and



- 1 program space than any other single facility. A new site that
- 2 could accommodate all three correctional functions together
- 3 would be preferable. Alternatively, a site close to the court
- 4 building would be ideal for pre-trial detention. Low custody
- 5 community-based housing units could be located elsewhere on less
- 6 expensive land.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to replace
- 8 the Oahu community correctional center.
- 9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
- 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
- 12 plan, design, and construct a new correctional facility to
- 13 replace the Oahu community correctional center.
- 14 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 15 department of accounting and general services for the purposes
- 16 of this Act.
- 17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Appropriation; Oahu Community Correctional Center

Description:

Appropriates funds to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center.