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## SENATE RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A BIG ISLAND  
JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, authorities that detain juveniles on the Big  
2 Island for legal infractions or other criminal violations have  
3 limited options on where to hold the juvenile in custody after  
4 the point of arrest; and

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6 WHEREAS, numerous County of Hawaii agencies have entered  
7 into a Memorandum of Agreement for mandatory participation in  
8 establishing a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center  
9 that is dedicated solely for servicing at-risk and delinquent  
10 juveniles and their families; and

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12 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are in need of a facility  
13 to house and hold juvenile offenders in a safe and secure manner  
14 that consequently allows the law enforcement officers to proceed  
15 with their patrol duties; and

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17 WHEREAS, a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center  
18 would provide temporary non-police supervision to arrested  
19 juveniles who cannot be returned to their homes because of drug,  
20 alcohol, or mental health problems, or family issues; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2006 there were over 2,350 juveniles arrested  
23 on the Big Island; and

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25 WHEREAS, various stakeholders and supporters of a Big  
26 Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center have already  
27 completed a thorough business plan that identifies the necessary  
28 startup and annual operating costs for the Center; and

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30 WHEREAS, the various stakeholders, supporters, and County  
31 of Hawaii agencies are ready to move forward with a pilot  
32 program at a facility in Pahoa that can be implemented at less  
33 than a third of the cost of the comprehensive Big Island  
34 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center initiative; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment  
2 Center will focus on new prevention and intervention strategies  
3 that utilize numerous County of Hawaii agencies in treating and  
4 servicing juvenile offenders; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
8 that this body affirms the need to establish a Big Island  
9 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center and encourages the  
10 stakeholders to build upon the initiatives and momentum created  
11 by numerous County of Hawaii agencies in developing the concept  
12 for a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although current economic  
15 constraints prevent the State from appropriating funding at this  
16 time to establish a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment  
17 Center, the Legislature affirms its present and future support  
18 of continued efforts to establish and develop a Big Island  
19 Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor of Hawaii  
23 County, Chair of the Board of Education, Director of Health,  
24 Director of Human Services, the Probation Office of the Third  
25 Circuit Judicial District, the County of Hawaii Police  
26 Department, the County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting  
27 Attorney, and the County of Hawaii Office of the Public  
28 Defender.  
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