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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. (a) The department of public safety shall
establish and maintain a cultural monitor position. The
cultural monitor shall be a full-time position exempt from
chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 (b) The cultural monitor shall advise the division of 7 corrections on the appropriate enforcement of the right to 8 engage in religious and cultural practices in privately-owned 9 prisons or other out-of-state detention facilities that 10 incarcerate or detain prisoners or detainees pursuant to a 11 contract with the State.

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PART II

13 SECTION 2. The auditor shall conduct an audit of the 14 department of public safety's contracts for prison beds and 15 services outside of Hawaii, focusing on the extent to which the 16 constitutional rights of native Hawaiians incarcerated or 17 detained in privately-owned prisons or other out-of-state

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detention facilities, particularly regarding religion and 1 2 culture, are safeguarded. 3 SECTION 3. The auditor shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days 4 5 prior to the convening of the 2012 regular session. 6 PART III SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 7 8 Mele (2 INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Public Safety; Corrections; Cultural Monitor; Audit

Description:

Creates a cultural monitor position within the department of public safety. Directs the auditor to audit the department's contracts to imprison inmates in out-of-state prisons to determine the extent to which the constitutional rights of native Hawaiian inmates are being safeguarded.

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