
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY BENEFITS OF
RELOCATING THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL'S PLANNED FORENSIC
UNIT TO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PLANNED TO BE BUILT ON
OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Hospital is located on the
2 Windward side of the island of Oahu, within a highly populated
3 area and immediately adjacent to Windward Community College; and
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5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawaii State Hospital is to
6 provide safe, integrated, evidence-based psychiatric assessment,
7 treatment, and rehabilitation to individuals suffering from
8 brain, medical, and behavioral disorders who were primarily
9 court ordered to the hospital, including those who have
10 committed a violent crime and declared innocent by reason of
11 insanity; and
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13 WHEREAS, over the years there have been numerous patients
14 who have fled from the Hawaii State Hospital and there have been
15 incidents of the staff being harassed or abused by the patients
16 at the facility; and
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18 WHEREAS, since the Hawaii State Hospital is on the verge of
19 constructing a new forensic facility and the Department of
20 Public Safety, Corrections Division, is contemplating
21 constructing a new correctional facility on the island of Oahu,
22 it would be beneficial to have the proposed Hawaii State
23 Hospital's forensic unit relocated within the planned
24 correctional facility for the safety of the general public, the
25 faculty and students at Windward Community College, among other
26 members of the surrounding community, and the staff of the
27 Hawaii State Hospital; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Health is urged to conduct a feasibility study, in conjunction
5 with the Department of Public Safety, to determine whether
6 relocating the Hawaii State Hospital's forensic unit to the
7 proposed correctional facility planned for Oahu is economical
8 and creates a safer environment for the hospital staff, the
9 surrounding communities, and the general public; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall address:

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13 (1) For reasons of functionality, whether the new state
14 hospital forensic unit should be placed under the
15 jurisdiction of the Department of Health or the
16 Department of Public Safety, Corrections Division; and
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18 (2) Whether the forensic unit shall be staffed not only by
19 members of the Hawaii State Hospital to provide the
20 necessary health and mental care to the patients, but
21 also be staffed by members of the Department of Public
22 Safety, Corrections Division, to provide a safe and
23 secure environment; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Department of Health
26 in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety shall submit
27 a report on its findings and recommendations, including any
28 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
29 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
33 Director of Health, and the Director of Public Safety.
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OFFERED BY: 

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