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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64/ HOUSE RESOLUTION 48, REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL WORK FURLOUGH CENTER ONCE THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO HALAWA.

by
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House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Friday, March 13, 2020; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 430

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 64 and House Resolution (HR) 48 to create a working group to assess repurposing the current Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) site for additional furlough beds, once OCCC is relocated to the selected location in Halawa Valley.

The creation of a working group to discuss utilizing the current OCCC location for additional furlough beds and/or possibly other types of program housing to assist in developing successful reentry plans for offenders would be a positive step for offenders and the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.