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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER SITE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Oahu community  
2           correctional center no longer properly serves the needs of its  
3           inmate population or the surrounding community of Kalihi and is  
4           no longer conducive to running an effective and secure modern  
5           corrections facility. The legislature also finds that the  
6           current location of the Oahu community correctional center is  
7           not a suitable location for a jail. The jail is also near the  
8           future route of the Honolulu rail transit project, and the  
9           presence of the Oahu community correctional center may hinder  
10          rail-related growth in the surrounding community.

11          The legislature further finds that the State is currently  
12          evaluating proposals to relocate the Oahu community correctional  
13          center. In 2018, the governor announced plans to relocate the  
14          jail to the site of the State's animal quarantine facility in  
15          Halawa.

16          For decades, government and private entities have shown  
17          interest in redeveloping the Oahu community correctional center



1 site. The development of this portion of Kalihi opens an  
2 opportunity to increase and improve the community's affordable  
3 housing inventory, employment options, and economic development  
4 potential. However, as with any project, planning will be  
5 required to ensure the redevelopment is compatible with the  
6 existing community. This planning must be done collaboratively  
7 between all relevant public and private organizations and the  
8 broader community. Among other things, the planning must ensure  
9 that the zoning of the jail site, and the zoning of surrounding  
10 parcels, are conducive to the needs of the community. Good  
11 planning can also help to promote public safety in the area,  
12 preventing the recurrence of recent instances of criminal  
13 activity in the area surrounding the jail site, such as illegal  
14 gambling.

15 The legislature finds that planning is also necessary to  
16 ensure that the infrastructure serving the site is adequate to  
17 support its intended uses. This is particularly important  
18 because some of the infrastructure around the jail site is  
19 privately owned. Recently, a street near the Oahu community  
20 correctional center was found to be contaminated with dangerous  
21 levels of lead. The United States Environmental Protection



1 Agency had to obtain an administrative warrant to access the  
2 road because the road did not have a designated owner. The  
3 delays that these hurdles caused were of great concern because  
4 the contaminated road was located in a dense urban neighborhood  
5 with numerous residents and within a half-mile of schools and  
6 parks. Adequate planning could help to prevent these types of  
7 issues from recurring in the future.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Oahu community  
9 correctional center site redevelopment working group to bring  
10 together state and county agencies, private entities, and the  
11 broader Kalihi community to:

- 12 (1) Examine ways to best utilize the Oahu community  
13 correctional center site and the surrounding area  
14 after the correctional center is relocated to a new  
15 location; and
- 16 (2) Identify, study, work through, and recommend solutions  
17 to issues relating to the redevelopment of the Oahu  
18 community correctional center site and the surrounding  
19 area.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the office of  
2 planning for administrative purposes only the Oahu community  
3 correctional center site redevelopment working group.

4 (b) The working group shall identify, study, work through,  
5 and recommend solutions to the following:

6 (1) Best uses of the Oahu community correctional center  
7 site and the surrounding area after the correctional  
8 center is relocated;

9 (2) Possible changes in zoning to implement the  
10 utilizations identified in paragraph (1);

11 (3) Issues relating to the ownership and maintenance for  
12 any roads or other infrastructure whose ownership is  
13 in dispute at the site or the surrounding area;

14 (4) Mitigation of, and adaptation to, the effects of  
15 climate change at the site and the surrounding area;

16 (5) Integration of the site with the future Honolulu rail  
17 transit system;

18 (6) Integration of the site with any existing area  
19 transit-oriented development plans;

20 (7) Integration of the site with the larger Kalihi  
21 community;



- 1           (8) Recommendations to maximize the use of the site to  
2           revitalize the Kalihi community and promote Kalihi as  
3           a major center of economic activity, while also  
4           ensuring that residents of the Kalihi community gain  
5           economic and other benefits from the redevelopment;  
6           and
- 7           (9) Any other issues that the working group finds to be  
8           relevant to the site and surrounding area.
- 9           (c) Members of the working group shall include:
- 10          (1) The governor or the governor's designee, who shall  
11          convene the working group's initial meeting;
- 12          (2) The member of the state senate whose district includes  
13          the Oahu community correctional center site or the  
14          senator's designee;
- 15          (3) The member of the state house of representatives whose  
16          district includes the Oahu community correctional  
17          center site or the representative's designee;
- 18          (4) The superintendent of education or the  
19          superintendent's designee;
- 20          (5) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or  
21          the chairperson's designee;



- 1           (6) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
2           resources or the chairperson's designee;
- 3           (7) The director of public safety or the director's  
4           designee;
- 5           (8) The director of transportation or the director's  
6           designee;
- 7           (9) The director of the office of planning or the  
8           director's designee;
- 9           (10) The chancellor of the Honolulu community college or  
10          the chancellor's designee;
- 11          (11) The executive director of the Hawaii housing finance  
12          and development corporation or the executive  
13          director's designee;
- 14          (12) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the  
15          mayor's designee;
- 16          (13) The member of the Honolulu city council whose district  
17          includes the Oahu community correctional center site  
18          or the councilmember's designee;
- 19          (14) The director of the department of facility maintenance  
20          of the city and county of Honolulu or the director's  
21          designee;



1 (15) The director of the department of planning and  
2 permitting of the city and county of Honolulu or the  
3 director's designee;

4 (16) The executive director of the Honolulu authority for  
5 rapid transit or the executive director's designee;

6 (17) A member of the Kalihi/Palama neighborhood board  
7 number fifteen;

8 (18) A representative to be invited from Kamehameha  
9 Schools;

10 (19) A representative to be invited from Kokua Kalihi  
11 Valley; and

12 (20) A representative to be invited from the Susanna Wesley  
13 Community Center.

14 (d) In addition to the members designated by subsection  
15 (c), the working group may invite any other appropriate person  
16 to join the working group.

17 (e) The initial meeting of the working group shall take  
18 place no later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
19 Act and shall be convened by the governor or the governor's  
20 designee. The working group shall elect a chairperson and any



1 other necessary officers from among its members at the initial  
2 meeting.

3 (f) Members of the working group shall serve without  
4 compensation. No member of the working group shall be subject  
5 to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of  
6 that member's participation on the working group.

7 (g) In fulfilling its responsibilities, the working group  
8 shall consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from government  
9 officials, Kalihi area residents, and representatives from the  
10 public and private sectors, nonprofit social service  
11 organizations, and community-based organizations.

12 (h) To ensure transparency in the working group's  
13 proceedings, the working group shall:

14 (1) Hold meetings on convenient dates and times to allow  
15 interested members of the public to attend, whether  
16 in-person or virtually; and

17 (2) Hold at least two meetings in which public comment or  
18 input is listed as an agenda item and make reasonable  
19 efforts to publicize the opportunity for the public to  
20 submit input in advance.



1 (i) The office of planning shall provide administrative  
2 and clerical support as required by the working group.

3 (j) The working group shall submit a report of its  
4 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
5 legislation, to the governor, the legislature, the mayor of the  
6 city and county of Honolulu, and the Honolulu city council no  
7 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
8 sessions of 2022 and 2023.

9 (k) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,  
10 2023.

11 (l) As used in this Act:

12 "Oahu community correctional center site" or "site" means  
13 the site located at 2199 Kamehameha highway, TMK 1-2-013:002, on  
14 which the Oahu community correctional center is located.

15 "Surrounding area" means the area within a one-half mile  
16 radius of the current location of the Oahu community  
17 correctional center; provided that the term may include area  
18 outside of the one-half mile radius when determined by the  
19 working group to be necessary for planning purposes.





# H.B. NO. 621

**Report Title:**

Kalihi; Oahu Community Correctional Center Site; Redevelopment; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes the Oahu community correctional center site redevelopment working group to bring together state and county agencies, private entities, and the broader Kalihi community to examine how to best utilize the Oahu community correctional center site and the surrounding area after the correctional center is relocated to a new location and identify, work through, and recommend solutions to issues relating to the redevelopment.

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