

COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON PROPOSED KULANI REOPENING



Date: January 22

Time: 4 p.m.

Aupuni Center

101 Pauahi Street, Hilo



Date: January 31

Time: 5 p.m.

Keaau Community Center

16-186 Pili Mua Street, Keaau



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The community is invited to attend public meetings on the State Department of Public Safety's proposed plan to re-open the Kulani Correctional Facility. The Environmental Assessment (EA) will be discussed. Questions and comments about the EA are welcome.

A copy of the EA can be found online at: www.hawaii.gov/psd

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The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 217
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha, Senator Ruderman,

The Office of the Governor and the Department of Public Safety will be hosting two community meetings to discuss the proposed reopening of the Kulani Correctional Facility. These meetings will be held on January 22, 2013 and January 31, 2013. Please see the attached announcement for more details.

As part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, one of our goals is to reopen Kulani. We want to make sure you are kept in the loop through the entire process.

In November, the Department of Public Safety released its draft Environmental Assessment to the public. That assessment determined that there will be no significant impact caused by Kulani's reopening, although some immediate fixes will be needed to move forward with reopening the facility in 2014. Those fixes include upgrades in the kitchen and some electrical work. (For a copy of the Environmental Assessment, you can go to our Webpage at www.hawaii.gov/psd).

Now that the public has had time to look at the assessment, we are moving to the next step in this process. We will be holding public meetings on the Big Island to address questions from residents and gather community input. Two meetings have been scheduled on the Big Island. Those meetings will be held on January 22 and January 31. You are welcome to join us. Please see the attached flyer for more information on the locations and times.

We want to also take this time to thank you for your commitment to helping us find ways to right-size and improve our corrections system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted I Sakai".

Ted I Sakai
Interim Director

Attachment