
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 provides 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 of
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 director of the office of planning or the
11 director's designee, who shall convene the working
12 group's initial meeting;
- 13 (2) The governor or the governor's designee;
- 14 (3) The member of the senate whose district includes the
15 Oahu community correctional center site or the
16 senator's designee;
- 17 (4) The member of the house of representatives whose
18 district includes the Oahu community correctional
19 center site or the representative's designee;
- 20 (5) The superintendent of education or the
21 superintendent's designee;



- 1 (6) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or
2 the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (7) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
4 resources or the chairperson's designee;
- 5 (8) The director of public safety or the director's
6 designee;
- 7 (9) The director of transportation or the director's
8 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 persons
16 to join the working group.
- 17 (e) The working group shall not convene its initial
18 meeting until on or after January 1, 2026. The working group
19 shall elect a chairperson and any other necessary officers from
20 among its members at the initial meeting.



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

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

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

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

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

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



1 (j) The working group shall submit a report of its
 2 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 3 legislation, to the governor, legislature, mayor of the city and
 4 county of Honolulu, and Honolulu city council no later than
 5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
 6 2027 and 2028.

7 (k) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,
 8 2028.

9 (l) As used in this Act:

10 "Oahu community correctional center site" or "site" means
 11 the site located at 2109 Kamehameha highway, tax map key (1)1-2-
 12 013:002, on which the Oahu community correctional center is
 13 located.

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

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2022-2023 to support the working group established by this
3 Act.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
5 planning for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

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

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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2030. (HD1)

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