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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IN  
COLLABORATION WITH THE JUDICIARY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY, TO REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED  
ON BAIL AND OTHER FORMS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE.

1 WHEREAS, several jurisdictions, including Hawai'i, have  
2 explored abolishing the use of monetary bail as a condition of  
3 pretrial release, an effort commonly known as bail reform; and  
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5 WHEREAS, when deliberating whether to enact bail reform  
6 measures, consideration of statistical information is critical  
7 to the discussion, such as the percentage of individuals  
8 released on bail who while in the community pending trial were  
9 subsequently arrested for committing new crimes, failed to  
10 appear at a required court appearance, or experienced other  
11 adverse outcomes, and how these adverse outcomes compare to  
12 individuals released on other grounds, such as supervised  
13 release and release on recognizance; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation's January  
16 2023 report entitled *Is Bail Reform Causing an Increase in*  
17 *Crime?* assessed bail reform in eleven jurisdictions, which did  
18 not include Hawai'i, for the effect, if any, of bail reform on  
19 crime and found that "[v]iolent crime trends after reforms  
20 present no clear or obvious pattern in these  
21 jurisdictions...neither violent nor nonviolent crimes or charges  
22 increased markedly immediately after jurisdictions implemented  
23 bail reform."; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's current bail system continues to use  
26 monetary bail as a condition of pretrial release; however, data  
27 on the outcomes of individuals released after meeting bail have  
28 not been compiled or publicly reported; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Research Institute was  
31 established by Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, within the  
32 Office of the Chief Justice to assess the administrative and  
33 technological feasibility of collecting, aggregating, and  
34 reporting on criminal pretrial data for purposes of establishing



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1 a centralized statewide criminal pretrial justice data reporting  
2 and collection system; and

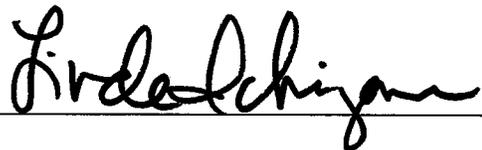
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4 WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Research Institute has, as  
5 part of its progress towards establishing a pretrial database,  
6 identified statewide pretrial data sources from the Hawaii State  
7 Judiciary that would reveal the outcomes of individuals released  
8 into the community pending trial; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2023, that the Criminal Justice Research Institute,  
13 in collaboration with the Judiciary and Department of Public  
14 Safety, is requested to compile and report data on the outcomes  
15 of individuals released into the community pending trial, to  
16 include the numbers and percentages of individuals who met bail;  
17 were on supervised release; or were released on recognizance and  
18 who, while pending trial, subsequently were arrested for  
19 committing new crimes, failed to appear at a required court  
20 appearance, or other adverse outcomes; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Criminal Justice Research  
23 Institute is requested to submit a report on the pretrial data  
24 to the Legislature by December 1, 2023, and it is requested that  
25 the report be made publicly available and posted on the Criminal  
26 Justice Research Institute's website; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii  
30 Supreme Court, Director of Public Safety, Director of the  
31 Criminal Justice Research Institute, Administrator of the  
32 Criminal Justice Data Center, and Oversight Coordinator of the  
33 Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

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