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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS IN
ASSISTING INMATES IN OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been working to facilitate the
2 reentry of returning citizens back to their families and
3 communities after exiting incarceration; and
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5 WHEREAS, past legislatures have appropriated funds to the
6 Department of Public Safety to start the process of reentry by
7 ensuring that everyone who is released from incarceration has a
8 valid identification card; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety is transitioning
11 to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model; and
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13 WHEREAS, ensuring that persons exiting incarceration are
14 released with a valid identification card will facilitate their
15 reentry; and
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17 WHEREAS, the use of public funds allocated for ensuring
18 that each person is released from incarceration with a valid
19 identification card should be public information; and
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21 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Legislature appropriated \$25,000 to
22 the Department of Public safety for the purpose of creating
23 identification cards for inmates; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety encountered
26 problems with the implementation of the 2016 program; and
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28 WHEREAS, in 2022 the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to
29 the Department of Public Safety to purchase machines for data
30 input at each facility to implement the identification card
31 program; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Public Safety is requested to submit a report to the Legislature
5 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
6 Session of 2024 detailing the Department's process in assisting
7 inmates in obtaining identification cards; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report is requested to
10 include:

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- 12 (1) The number of persons released since identification
13 cards became available in 2022, or since the
14 Department of Public Safety began assisting inmates in
15 obtaining civil identification cards;
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 - 17 (2) The number of people released with an identification
18 card that was obtained with the Department of Public
19 Safety's assistance;
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 - 21 (3) The number of people who received a free
22 identification card;
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 - 24 (4) The number of people who were charged for a valid
25 identification card and the reasons for the charge;
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 - 27 (5) Any charges assessed for a valid identification card;
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 - 29 (6) The criteria necessary to obtain a valid
30 identification card; and
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 - 32 (7) An accounting of the funding used to provide
33 assistance in obtaining valid identification cards;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
37 is requested to:

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- 39 (1) Post the report on the Department's publicly available
40 website; and
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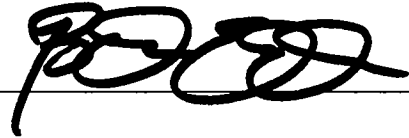


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1 (2) Provide a copy of the report to the Hawaii
2 Correctional System Oversight Commission so that the
3 Commission may post the report on its publicly
4 available website; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
8 of Public Safety; Chairperson of the Hawaii Correctional System
9 Oversight Commission; Chair of the Senate Committee on Public
10 Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs; and Chair of
11 the House of Representatives Committee on Corrections, Military,
12 and Veterans.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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