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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, TO ACQUIRE THE HONOLULU FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER AND REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE HONOLULU FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, in 2001, the federal Bureau of Prisons opened the
2 Honolulu Federal Detention Center, located west of Daniel K.
3 Inouye International Airport; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Federal Detention Center houses male
6 and female federal pre-trial detainees, sentenced felons who
7 have nearly completed their prison terms, and Hawaii inmates who
8 are awaiting trial in state court, at an occupancy rate far
9 below the facility's potential capacity of one thousand two
10 hundred beds; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Federal Detention Center currently
13 houses approximately four hundred inmates, approximately one
14 hundred seventy of whom are state detainees, in an efficient
15 vertical design structure that requires fewer workers to manage
16 detainees than antiquated state facilities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Federal Detention Center also
19 includes integrated state-of-the-art surveillance and management
20 technologies, and includes cells, office areas, medical
21 facilities, recreational areas, storage rooms, food preparation
22 areas, laundry areas, mechanical rooms, security systems, and
23 communications systems; and
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25 WHEREAS, the State has struggled for years to find
26 additional bed capacity for its overcrowded jails and prisons,
27 which were designed to hold a combined total of 2,491 inmates
28 but currently hold approximately 5,161 inmates; and
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1 WHEREAS, replacing or refurbishing state prisons and jails
2 to meet the current demand for adequate space and services would
3 cost an estimated \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000; and
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5 WHEREAS, since June 2001, the State has leased bed space at
6 the Honolulu Federal Detention Center to relieve jail
7 overcrowding; and
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9 WHEREAS, in September 2019, Honolulu Federal Detention
10 Center housed one hundred eighty-six male and female inmates
11 under the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction at a daily
12 cost of \$129.48 per inmate; and
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14 WHEREAS, State acquisition of the Honolulu Federal
15 Detention Center will expand the bed capacity of the Department
16 of Public Safety, help alleviate overcrowding at the Oahu
17 Community Correctional Center and the State's other jails and
18 prisons, and eliminate the immediate burden of building a new
19 state jail; and
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21 WHEREAS, in 2016, House Resolution No. 31 requested
22 Hawaii's congressional delegation to assist the State in
23 negotiating with the federal government for the acquisition of
24 the Honolulu Federal Detention Center; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
28 that the Department of Public Safety and its successor agency,
29 the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, is urged to
30 acquire the Honolulu Federal Detention Center; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's congressional
33 delegation is requested to assist the State in negotiating with
34 the federal government for the acquisition of the Honolulu
35 Federal Detention Center; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parties to the negotiations are
38 requested to consider continued housing of federal pre-trial
39 detainees and federal inmates serving brief sentences at the
40 facility, under terms favorable to the federal Bureau of
41 Prisons, as a condition of the State's acquisition of the
42 facility; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Director of the federal Bureau of Prisons, and Director of Public Safety.

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