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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR ADVISOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO DEFINE THEIR ROLE AND TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PROGRESS THE STATE HAS MADE TOWARDS JAIL DIVERSION.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health
2 and the Justice System has an undefined role; and

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4 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, at a joint informational
5 briefing where participants were requested to bring data in
6 support of their presentation, the Governor's Senior Advisor for
7 Mental Health and the Justice System provided the Substance
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) model
9 on jail diversion, but provided no other data; and

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11 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, the Department of Health
12 presented that, for a one-year period, only one percent of post-
13 booking jail diversion referrals were accepted; and

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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117,
16 S.D. 1, H.D 1 (2007), as former co-chair of the established task
17 force, Governor Green recommended community-based services to
18 avoid readmission to the Hawaii State Hospital and a community
19 secure residential program operated by CARE Hawaii, Inc. as a
20 form of jail diversion; and

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22 WHEREAS, by letter dated February 8, 2024, and at the
23 latest informational briefing, the Chairperson of the Senate
24 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the
25 Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce and
26 Consumer Protection requested: "As such, please provide to us
27 the following:

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29 (1) A comprehensive chart, as promised in the
30 informational hearing on February 5, presenting the



1 various projects and programs that fit into your
2 overall continuum;

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4 (2) The State's capacity in each service area, by agency,
5 and the current state of those unmet needs; and

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7 (3) The Governor's plans to address that unmet need,
8 including specific budgetary requirements;

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10 Please include in such comprehensive chart, the jail diversion
11 programs in the Judiciary and the triage centers financed by
12 OHHS such as that run by IHS. Please also include within the
13 Governor's plans, his plan to reduce the population in the
14 Hawaii State Hospital"; and

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16 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the Governor's Senior
17 Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System presented in
18 response to the Senators' requests the Judiciary's report, which
19 provided data on seven hundred and four mental assessments
20 conducted, but otherwise provided no additional data on the
21 various community programs funded since the 2008 report to the
22 Legislature pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117,
23 S.D. 1, H.D 1 (2007) and whether any of those programs fit into
24 the SAMHSA intercept model; 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 2024, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor's Senior
29 Advisor for the Mental Health and the Justice System is urged to
30 define their role and to provide an annual report to the
31 Legislature on the progress the State has made towards jail
32 diversion; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Senior Advisor
35 for Mental Health and the Justice System is requested to:

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37 (1) Gather data on the various community programs funded
38 by the Department of Human Services, Department of
39 Health, and the Judiciary, that provide various
40 services in the SAMHSA intercept model; and
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1 (2) Provide an annual report to the Legislature of the
2 identified programs, their capacities, and detailed
3 reasons for the high failure rate and unmet needs; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
7 Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice
8 System.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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