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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE,  
MANAGEMENT, AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING  
AND GENERAL SERVICES REGARDING SPENDING RELATED TO THE  
PLANNING, DESIGN, FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE  
OF A NEW JAIL TO REPLACE THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL  
CENTER.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
2 oversees eight correctional facilities throughout the State:  
3 Halawa Correctional Facility, Hawaii Community Correctional  
4 Center, Kauai Community Correctional Center, Kulani Correctional  
5 Facility, Maui Community Correctional Center, Oahu Community  
6 Correctional Center, Waiawa Correctional Facility, and Women's  
7 Community Correctional Center; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
10 contracts with CoreCivic to transfer and incarcerate nine  
11 hundred thirty-eight males at Saguaro Correctional Center in  
12 Arizona, despite the availability of open beds at Waiawa  
13 Correctional Facility and Kulani Correctional Facility in  
14 Hawai'i; and

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16           WHEREAS, some correctional facilities throughout the State  
17 face issues of overcrowding and understaffing, which impacts the  
18 safety and well-being of incarcerated individuals and  
19 corrections staff; and

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21           WHEREAS, as of December 2024, there were nine hundred  
22 forty-seven individuals incarcerated at the Oahu Community  
23 Correctional Center; and

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25           WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
26 reported that from 2021 to 2023, approximately thirty to forty



1 percent of inmates incarcerated in the State's correctional  
2 facilities were homeless immediately before entry, and an even  
3 larger percentage exit to homelessness; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight  
6 Commission reported that eighty-six percent of the inmate  
7 population needs substance abuse treatment at some level, Native  
8 Hawaiians are disproportionately incarcerated, and many in the  
9 State's correctional facilities need mental health services; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,  
12 with the support of the Department of Accounting and General  
13 Services, is proposing to construct a new, expanded one thousand  
14 three hundred bed jail to replace the Oahu Community  
15 Correctional Center through a public-private partnership; and

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17 WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace the Oahu Community  
18 Correctional Center, according to the Department of Corrections  
19 and Rehabilitation's plans for expansion and construction, is  
20 \$1,000,000,000; and

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22 WHEREAS, this proposed new jail would make it the single  
23 largest public works project in state history and does not  
24 include the recurring costs of operation; and

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26 WHEREAS, to date, the Department of Corrections and  
27 Rehabilitation has expended approximately \$25,000,000 on  
28 planning consultants, including public relations professionals,  
29 on this proposed project; and

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31 WHEREAS, the expenditure of taxpayer dollars on this  
32 proposed project is proceeding even though the Department of  
33 Corrections and Rehabilitation has made no discernable effort to  
34 maintain and repair existing facilities, including at the Oahu  
35 Community Correctional Center; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
38 has not immediately implemented actionable changes at the Oahu  
39 Community Correctional Center that do not require new  
40 construction, despite requests by the Hawaii Correctional System  
41 Oversight Commission; and

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43 WHEREAS, existing efforts, such as recommendations made by  
44 the University of Hawaii Community Design Center, are advisory



1 in nature only and do not represent a commitment by the  
2 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to an improved  
3 model of carceral justice; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
6 should work collaboratively with justice system partners,  
7 beginning on Oahu, to increase diversion infrastructure to  
8 substantially reduce incarceration levels in the State's jails,  
9 address the root causes of individuals' involvement with the  
10 criminal legal system, and decrease pre-trial detention times to  
11 six months or less; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
14 has also not provided a full accounting of how past funding  
15 relating to the proposed project has been spent; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
18 is proceeding with this project without a current comprehensive  
19 system-wide approach to master planning; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
22 is requesting another \$30,000,000 to issue a request for  
23 proposals to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center even  
24 though the Department's last ten-year master plan update was  
25 completed in 2003; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the last report lacked an analysis of data-driven  
28 systems strategies to significantly reduce the number of  
29 individuals who hold pretrial status in the State's jails and  
30 divert those who are houseless, poor, and in need of mental  
31 health care or substance use treatment to the appropriate  
32 service providers; now, therefore,  
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
35 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
36 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
37 perform a comprehensive performance, management and financial  
38 audit of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and  
39 Department of Accounting and General Services regarding spending  
40 related to the planning, design, financing, construction, and  
41 maintenance of a new jail to replace the Oahu Community  
42 Correctional Center; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive performance,  
2 management and financial audit is requested to include, at a  
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- 5 (1) A review of accountability measures within the  
6 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and  
7 Department of Accounting and General Services related  
8 to the planning of a new jail to replace the Oahu  
9 Community Correctional Center;
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- 11 (2) An analysis of the Department of Corrections and  
12 Rehabilitation's budget and whether the expenditure of  
13 funds related to the planning, design, financing,  
14 construction, and maintenance of a new jail to replace  
15 the Oahu Community Correctional Center is in  
16 accordance with the funding's original purpose;
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- 18 (3) An examination of the Department of Corrections and  
19 Rehabilitation's and Department of Accounting and  
20 General Services' compliance with procurement laws  
21 related to the planning, design, financing,  
22 construction, and maintenance of a new jail to replace  
23 the Oahu Community Correctional Center;
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- 25 (4) A list of all contractors and subcontractors, the  
26 dates of the contractors' and subcontractors' duties,  
27 and the completion of the contractors' and  
28 subcontractors' duties related to the proposed  
29 construction of a new jail to replace the Oahu  
30 Community Correctional Center; and
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- 32 (5) Any other matters that the Auditor deems necessary or  
33 appropriate; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Corrections  
36 and Rehabilitation and Department of Accounting and General  
37 Services are urged to fully cooperate with and provide any  
38 necessary assistance requested by the Auditor with respect to  
39 the comprehensive performance, management and financial audit  
40 and respond promptly to all requests from the Auditor, including  
41 providing records and other information that may be requested  
42 during the course of the audit; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
2 submit a report of the findings of the comprehensive  
3 performance, management and financial audit and recommendations,  
4 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
6 of 2026; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of  
10 Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Comptroller.  
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