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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE NEW OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN HALAWA, TO INCLUDE A CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT FACILITY AND ESTABLISH A RELEASE PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH DETAINEES OR INMATES, UPON RELEASE, ARE TRANSPORTED TO A SITE OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES OR PUBLIC SPACES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
2 is currently in the planning and design stage of the new Oahu  
3 Community Correctional Center in Halawa to replace the current  
4 facility in Kalihi; and

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6 WHEREAS, various factors should be considered in the  
7 planning and design of the replacement facility, including the  
8 costs related to operating the facility in Halawa rather than  
9 Kalihi and the impact on the surrounding communities; and

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11 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the  
12 significant cost and impact of regularly transporting detainees  
13 between the new facility and courts in Honolulu for legal  
14 proceedings, including the costs of additional labor, vehicles,  
15 and gasoline, and contribution to the increase in greenhouse gas  
16 emissions and traffic congestion; and

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18 WHEREAS, concerns have also been raised by the surrounding  
19 communities regarding the possible impact on public safety by  
20 having the new Oahu Community Correctional Center release  
21 detainees or inmates directly into residential communities or  
22 public spaces such as parks; and

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24 WHEREAS, section 353-16.37, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
25 requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and  
26 the affected community to develop a Community Benefit and  
27 Enhancement Package, which may include but not be limited to  
28 infrastructure improvements and other government functions, to



1 mitigate the negative aspects of building a correctional  
2 facility in the community; and

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4 WHEREAS, having a circuit and district court facility  
5 within the new Oahu Community Correctional Center in Halawa will  
6 significantly reduce the frequency of transporting detainees  
7 between the new facility and courts in Honolulu; and

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9 WHEREAS, having the new Oahu Community Correctional Center  
10 adhere to a release procedure under which detainees or inmates,  
11 upon release, are transported to a site other than residential  
12 communities or public spaces will mitigate possible impacts on  
13 public safety; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
18 Corrections and Rehabilitation, in planning and designing the  
19 new Oahu Community Correctional Center in Halawa, is requested  
20 to:

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22 (1) Coordinate with the Judiciary to include a circuit and  
23 district court facility in the new Oahu Community  
24 Correctional Center; and

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26 (2) Establish a release procedure to be implemented by the  
27 new Oahu Community Correctional Center under which  
28 detainees or inmates, upon release, are transported to  
29 a site other than residential communities or public  
30 spaces; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
34 of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Chief Justice of the  
35 Hawaii Supreme Court.

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