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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE NEW OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN HALAWA, TO INCLUDE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES 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 circuit and district court facilities
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 Senate of the Thirty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
17 House of Representatives 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 circuit and
23 district court facilities 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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OFFERED BY: 

