

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1590

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 26

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 26 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of the Public Defender, Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that implementing an on-site courtroom presents a transformative opportunity to enhance security, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in the judicial and



correctional systems. The financial burden of defendant transportation is substantial, encompassing fuel expenses, vehicle maintenance, and the manpower required for safe transit. Your Committee believes that the establishment of an on-site courtroom will alleviate these costs by removing the need for frequent and resource-intensive travel. This measure will improve overall operational efficiency, reduce overtime, and allow for a more strategic allocation of taxpayer dollars.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 26 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



