

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1590

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

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



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 26</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">4/2/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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