
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO
MAKE AVAILABLE TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY STAFF MEMBERS
THROUGHOUT THE STATE CLINICAL COUNSELING SERVICES THAT ARE
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INMATES.

1 WHEREAS, working in a correctional facility carries
2 inherent risks to the mental health of staff members due to
3 their exposure to direct and vicarious trauma in this setting;
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6 WHEREAS, the mental health of correctional facility staff
7 members should be prioritized to prevent burnout, compassion
8 fatigue, post-traumatic stress, and the development or
9 exacerbation of other mental health conditions; and

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11 WHEREAS, in-house clinical counseling is an appropriate and
12 needed method for addressing the mental health of correctional
13 facility staff members; 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 is requested to make available to
19 correctional facility staff members throughout the State
20 clinical counseling services that are separate and distinct from
21 the existing mental health resources available to inmates; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Corrections and
24 Rehabilitation is urged to utilize a portion of the operating
25 funds of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to
26 make clinical counseling services available to correctional
27 facility staff members throughout the State, including hiring
28 additional clinical counselors, psychologists, or other
29 appropriate mental health service providers as necessary; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Corrections and Rehabilitation.
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OFFERED BY:

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