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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Hawai'i State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third Hawai'I State Legislature
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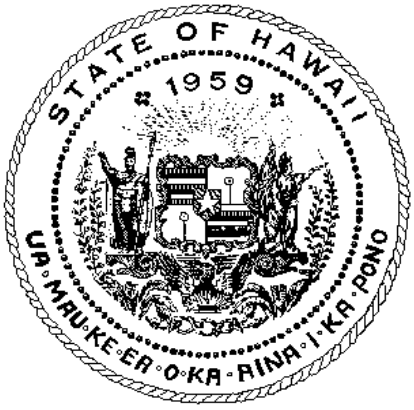
Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maxmization Special Fund, as required by section 353-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at https://dcr.hawaii.gov/publications/reports-to-legislature/.

Sincerely,

Tommy Johnson
Director

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

REPORT TO THE 2026 LEGISLATURE

RESPONSE TO SECTION 353-38
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund

December 2025

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's
Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement
Maximization Special Fund
Fiscal Year 2025

Section 353-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund under the purview of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR). The following are the uses allowed for this special fund:

1. To meet the state match requirement for federal grants and costs associated with federal grant reporting requirements, including administrative expenses such as the hiring of temporary staff;

2. For any other purpose deemed necessary by the department for maintaining or pursuing federal grants;

3. To hire consultants to provide training for corrections officers;

4. To hire consultants to conduct facility or program evaluations;

5. To rent or purchase vehicles to transport inmates;

6. To provide pre-release and reentry programs;

7. To improve technology; and

8. To recruit and retain corrections workforce.

For fiscal year 2025, the total encumbrance/expenditure was $541,355.33. The details of the encumbrance/expenditure are as follows:

$350,641.00 – Purchases of Motor Vehicles to Transport Inmates:

The funds were used to replace vehicles at Oahu Community Correctional Center and Hawaii Community Correctional Center. Vehicles are essential in the transport of inmates to court and between facilities.

$186,823.33 – Contract Services to Aid in the Recruitment of Adult Corrections Officers:

A vendor was contracted to aid in the recruitment and screening of Adult Corrections Officer candidates for all DCR correctional institutions statewide.

$3,891.00 – Special Fund Assessment Fees:

In accordance with Section 36-30, HRS, the Director of Finance is authorized to transfer assessments for the pro rata share of administrative expenses incurred by the department responsible for the operations supported by each special fund.