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January 14, 2026

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

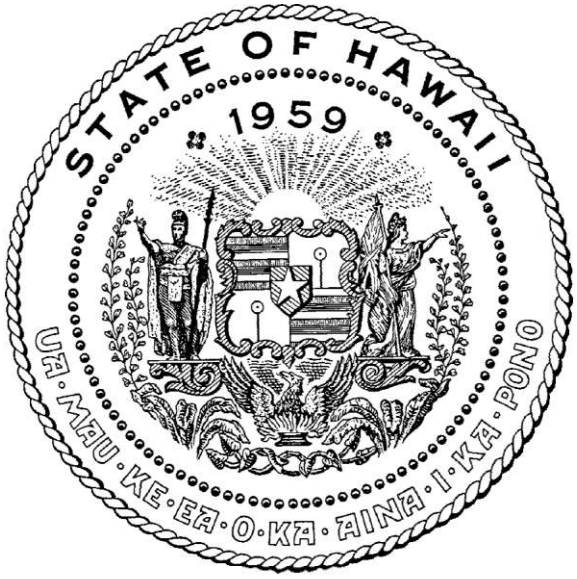
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
Members of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Third Hawai'I State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
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Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature,

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Report on the Return of Out-of-State Inmates, as required by Section 353H-7, Hawai'i Revised Statues. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i 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



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REPORT TO THE 2026 STATE LEGISLATION

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
Pursuant to Section 353H-7, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes

DECEMBER 2025

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The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in section 353H-7, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. DCR has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawai‘i's correctional facilities in a timely manner. Qualified inmates are measured by the completion of all recommended programs, misconduct-free records, and minimum custody levels.

In Calendar Year 2025, DCR brought 139 qualified inmates back to Hawai‘i for parole, Sex Offender Treatment program or work furlough participation. The previous count in January 2025 of 938 inmates has decreased to 799 inmates housed at out-of-state facilities in December 2025.

The following table shows the inmates that are within one year of their parole hearing date and have not been returned in 2025:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e. refuse programs, termination of programs) resulting in medium custody.	72
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months resulting in medium custody.	165
Escape history within past 7 years from community/ minimum custody facility, resulting in higher custody level.	7
Detainers (i.e. Immigration, Federal, State) that precludes minimum custody housing.	29
Refuse work furlough programs and parole; wants to max out resulting in medium custody	72
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawai‘i (Interstate).	1
TOTAL:	**346**

DCR will continue its proactive approach to return its qualified inmates back to Hawai‘i within one year of their tentative parole date/maximum date to achieve the goals and objectives of §353H-7, HRS.