
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS
FOR REHABILITATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ON O'AHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight
2 Commission has consistently advocated for a rehabilitative model
3 for a new jail to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center
4 (OCCC); and
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6 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Department of Public Safety released
7 the OCCC siting study, which identified eleven potential sites
8 for a new facility; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Governor announced that the Animal
11 Quarantine Station site located in the ahupua'a of Hālawā on
12 O'ahu was the preferred site for the new OCCC; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Department of Corrections and
15 Rehabilitation (DCR) contracted with the University of Hawaii
16 Community Design Center (UHCDC) to develop a proof of concept
17 study, titled Breaking Cycles: Alternative Models for
18 Rehabilitative and Restorative Justice On O'ahu (Breaking Cycles
19 Study); and
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21 WHEREAS, from 2022 to 2024, the Breaking Cycles Study
22 developed a comprehensive scholarly literature review built on a
23 wide range of relevant efforts predating the project, including
24 those by the H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 (2016) Task Force,
25 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force,
26 Correctional Reform Working Group, and the Sequential Intercept
27 Model mapping efforts by the Pū'ā Foundation and the Hawai'i
28 Health and Harm Reduction Center, among many other resources
29 that have advocated for justice and carceral system reform in
30 Hawai'i; and
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1 WHEREAS, the two hundred sixty-eight-page Breaking Cycles
2 Study further conducted interviews of family members of
3 incarcerated individuals and case studies on decarceration and
4 emerging prevention, diversion, and reentry models and health
5 well-being and trauma-informed design, resulting in research
6 that was informed by and shared with multi stakeholders during
7 the engagement process; and

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9 WHEREAS, UHCDL hosted over one hundred twenty talk stories,
10 eighteen site visits and listening workshops, eight co-design
11 workshops, three exhibits, three knowledge-sharing symposiums,
12 and five community practice meetings, which sought the
13 participation of those with lived experience; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Breaking Cycles Study proposed a design
16 framework and accompanying principles, which included the
17 following recommendations to:

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19 (1) Adopt a holistic, health-centered, and trauma-informed
20 approach;
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22 (2) Nurture relationships to self, family, community,
23 land, and the spiritual world;
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25 (3) Connect to 'āina and provide spaces to interact with
26 the land;
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28 (4) Honor diverse cultures and identities;
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30 (5) Ensure both physical and emotional safety;
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32 (6) Take a strengths-based approach that focuses on
33 assets;
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35 (7) Create opportunities for improvement and empowerment;
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37 (8) Support learning through educational programs and
38 spaces; and
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40 (9) Demonstrate respect for each individual through
41 comfortable and dignified environments; and
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1 WHEREAS, the upper valley of the ahupua‘a of Hālawā is a
2 unique and ideal site for a modern rehabilitative facility that
3 takes advantage of the valley's natural surroundings, history,
4 and cultural background to incorporate programming rooted in
5 Native Hawaiian culture; and

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7 WHEREAS, participants in the Breaking Cycles Study,
8 including those located in the ‘Aiea-Hālawā area, expressed
9 strong support for a holistic facility rooted in Native Hawaiian
10 culture; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Papa Ola Lōkahi;
13 ALU LIKE, Inc.; and many other Native Hawaiian organizations
14 have demonstrated that an ‘āina and cultural-based approach to
15 rehabilitation can be successful in lowering recidivism; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Hālawā ahupua‘a is a rich repository of
18 traditional cultural practices and sites, known for hundred of
19 years for its wai, lo‘i kalo, loko i‘a, lā‘au lapa‘au, ancient
20 heiau and ritual sites, house sites, cave burials, and pu‘uhonua;
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23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Correctional Oversight Commission's
24 March 2025 report, titled Hoe Amau: The Current State of
25 Reentry in Hawaii, identified a variety of areas in which DCR
26 has not complied with rehabilitation and reentry requirements;
27 now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
31 that the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission is
32 requested to establish an advisory committee to develop
33 recommendations on the implementation of alternative models for
34 rehabilitation and restorative justice on O‘ahu; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is
37 requested to include the following:

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39 (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Correctional System
40 Oversight Commission or the Chair's designee, who is



- 1 requested to serve as chairperson of the advisory
2 committee;
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- 4 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office
5 of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 7 (3) One member representing the Correctional Reform
8 Working Group, to be invited by the chairperson;
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- 10 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of Papa Ola Lōkahi, or the
11 Chief Executive Officer's designee;
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- 13 (5) The Chief Executive Officer of ALU Like, Inc., or the
14 Chief Executive Officer's designee;
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- 16 (6) The President of Ke One O kākuhihewa, the O'ahu Council
17 of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, or the
18 President's designee;
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- 20 (7) The President of the Lili'uokalani Trust, or the
21 President's designee;
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- 23 (8) One member representing an 'Aiea-Hālawa community
24 organization, to be invited by the chairperson;
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- 26 (9) One mental health specialist representing the Queen's
27 Health System Native Hawaiian Health Department, to be
28 invited by the chairperson;
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- 30 (10) Two members with lived experience as incarcerated
31 individuals, comprising one male member and one female
32 member, to be invited by the chairperson; and
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- 34 (11) Two adult corrections officers who participated in the
35 in the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight
36 Commission's staff survey, to be invited by the
37 chairperson; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is
40 requested to develop recommendations that incorporate the
41 findings of the Breaking Cycles Study in the design and planning
42 of the new Oahu Community Correctional Center; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to develop its
3 recommendations, the advisory committee is requested to consult
4 with Native Hawaiian practitioners in:

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6 (1) Ho‘oponopono;
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8 (2) Lā‘au lapa‘au;
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10 (3) Lo‘i kalo stewardship;
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12 (4) Loko i‘a stewardship;
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14 (5) ‘Āina-based healing;
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16 (6) ‘Āina restoration;
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18 (7) ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i;
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20 (8) Indigenous planning and design; and
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22 (9) Native Hawaiian culture and values; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is
25 requested to submit a report of its findings, including any
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Office of
31 Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees; Chairperson of the Hawaii
32 Correctional System Oversight Commission; Chairperson of the
33 Correctional Reform Working Group; President of Papa Ola Lōkahi;
34 Chief Executive Officer of ALU LIKE, Inc.; President of Ke One O
35 kākuhihewa; President of the Lili‘uokalani Trust; and Director
36 for Native Hawaiian Health at the Queen's Health System.

