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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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, UHCDC 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, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii  
32 Correctional System Oversight Commission is requested to  
33 establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations on  
34 the implementation of alternative models for rehabilitation and  
35 restorative justice on O'ahu; and

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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is  
38 requested to include the following:  
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- 1 (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Correctional System  
2 Oversight Commission or the Chair's designee, who is  
3 requested to serve as chairperson;  
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- 5 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office  
6 of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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- 8 (3) One member representing the Correctional Reform  
9 Working Group, to be invited by the chairperson;  
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- 11 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of Papa Ola Lōkahi, or the  
12 Chief Executive Officer's designee;  
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- 14 (5) The Chief Executive Officer of ALU Like, Inc., or the  
15 Chief Executive Officer's designee;  
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- 17 (6) The President of Ke One O kākūhihewa, the O'ahu Council  
18 of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, or the  
19 President's designee;  
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- 21 (7) The President of the Lili'uokalani Trust, or the  
22 President's designee;  
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- 24 (8) One member representing an 'Aiea-Hālawā community  
25 organization, to be invited by the chairperson; and  
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- 27 (9) One mental health specialist representing the Queen's  
28 Health System Native Hawaiian Health Department, to be  
29 invited by the chairperson; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is  
32 requested to develop recommendations that incorporate the  
33 findings of the Breaking Cycles Study in the design and planning  
34 of the new Oahu Community Correctional Center; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to develop its  
37 recommendations, the advisory committee is requested to consult  
38 with Native Hawaiian practitioners in:  
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- 40 (1) Ho'oponopono;
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- 42 (2) Lā'au lapa'au;



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- (3) Lo'i kalo stewardship;
- (4) Loko i'a stewardship;
- (5) 'Āina-based healing;
- (6) 'Āina restoration;
- (7) 'Ōlelo Hawai'i;
- (8) Indigenous planning and design; and
- (9) Native Hawaiian culture and values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is requested to submit a report of its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees; Chairperson of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; Chairperson of the Correctional Reform Working Group; President of Papa Ola Lōkahi; Chief Executive Officer of ALU LIKE, Inc.; President of Ke One O kākūhihewa; President of the Lili'uokalani Trust; and Director for Native Hawaiian Health at the Queen's Health System.

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