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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



1 that have advocated for justice and carceral system reform in  
2 Hawai'i; and

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4 WHEREAS, the two hundred sixty-eight-page Breaking Cycles  
5 Study further conducted interviews of family members of  
6 incarcerated individuals and case studies on decarceration and  
7 emerging prevention, diversion, and reentry models and health  
8 well-being and trauma-informed design, resulting in research  
9 that was informed by and shared with multi stakeholders during  
10 the engagement process; and

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

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18 WHEREAS, the Breaking Cycles Study proposed a design  
19 framework and accompanying principles, which included the  
20 following recommendations to:

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- 22 (1) Adopt a holistic, health-centered, and trauma-informed  
23 approach;
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  - 25 (2) Nurture relationships to self, family, community,  
26 land, and the spiritual world;
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  - 28 (3) Connect to 'āina and provide spaces to interact with  
29 the land;
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  - 31 (4) Honor diverse cultures and identities;
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  - 33 (5) Ensure both physical and emotional safety;
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  - 35 (6) Take a strengths-based approach that focuses on  
36 assets;
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  - 38 (7) Create opportunities for improvement and empowerment;
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  - 40 (8) Support learning through educational programs and  
41 spaces; and
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1 (9) Demonstrate respect for each individual through  
2 comfortable and dignified environments; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the upper valley of the ahupua'a of Hālawā is a  
5 unique and ideal site for a modern rehabilitative facility that  
6 takes advantage of the valley's natural surroundings, history,  
7 and cultural background to incorporate programming rooted in  
8 Native Hawaiian culture; and  
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10 WHEREAS, participants in the Breaking Cycles Study,  
11 including those located in the 'Aiea-Hālawā area, expressed  
12 strong support for a holistic facility rooted in Native Hawaiian  
13 culture; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Papa Ola Lōkahi;  
16 ALU LIKE, Inc.; and many other Native Hawaiian organizations  
17 have demonstrated that an 'āina and cultural-based approach to  
18 rehabilitation can be successful in lowering recidivism; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the Hālawā ahupua'a is a rich repository of  
21 traditional cultural practices and sites, known for hundred of  
22 years for its wai, lo'i kalo, loko i'a, lā'au lapa'au, ancient  
23 heiau and ritual sites, house sites, cave burials, and pu'uhonua;  
24 and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Correctional Oversight Commission's  
27 March 2025 report, titled Hoe Amāu: The Current State of  
28 Reentry in Hawaii, identified a variety of areas in which DCR  
29 has not complied with rehabilitation and reentry requirements;  
30 now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
34 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii  
35 Correctional System Oversight Commission is requested to  
36 establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations on  
37 the implementation of alternative models for rehabilitation and  
38 restorative justice on O'ahu; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is  
41 requested to include the following:



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

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to develop its  
7 recommendations, the advisory committee is requested to consult  
8 with Native Hawaiian practitioners in:

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- 10 (1) Ho'oponopono;
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- 12 (2) Lā'au lapa'au;
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- 14 (3) Lo'i kalo stewardship;
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- 16 (4) Loko i'a stewardship;
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- 18 (5) 'Āina-based healing;
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- 20 (6) 'Āina restoration;
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- 22 (7) 'Ōlelo Hawai'i;
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- 24 (8) Indigenous planning and design; and
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- 26 (9) Native Hawaiian culture and values; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee is  
29 requested to submit a report of its findings, including any  
30 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
31 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

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

