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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: PSM

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A G E N D A

- I. INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS: Director Tommy Johnson
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- II. PRESENTATION: Cathi Ho Schar
University of Hawaii Community Design Center
- A. Breaking cycles:
Alternative Models for Rehabilitation and
Restorative Justice on Oahu
(Proof of Concept Study, February 2025)
- B. April 2026 Update from DCR Consultants
Summary of internal reviews, planning steps or
policy discussions undertaken involving
Breaking Cycles concepts. (2025-2026)
- Gordon Wood
Public Works Administrator, DAGS
- Chris Kinimaka
Consultant
- C. Please identify areas where *Breaking Cycles*
concepts:
1. Have been incorporated?

2. Are under evaluation?
3. Have not yet been adopted?
4. Has the department provided clear acknowledgements of gaps identified by HCSOC, OPD, and community advocates on implementation and alignment?

D. How does *Breaking Cycles* inform:

1. Custody vs. care continuum?
2. Diversion and decarceration strategies?
3. Programming for mental health, substance use, education, and reentry?

E. Consideration of staff well-being and workplace culture as essential to successful rehabilitation (based on Oversight Commission findings on staff stress, training needs, and wellness)

No public testimony will be accepted.

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