
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Oahu community correctional center is the
2 largest prison in the State and is situated on sixteen acres in
3 urban Honolulu. The Oahu community correctional center has a
4 history of overcrowding and currently houses over fourteen
5 hundred men and women inmates, including pretrial detainees,
6 persons arrested who cannot make bail, or persons being held
7 without bail until their trials. The Oahu community
8 correctional center is not a functional building to accommodate
9 the size of the current inmate population and was originally
10 constructed to accommodate a much smaller inmate population.
11 According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Hawaii's prison
12 population has grown from nine hundred eighty-five in 1980, to
13 five thousand four hundred fifty-four in 2002.

14 The purpose of this Act is to review the feasibility of
15 selling or leasing the Oahu community correctional center in
16 order to build a new facility in a different location to



1 accommodate and manage the continued growth of the inmate
2 population.

3 SECTION 2. The department of public safety and the office
4 of planning shall review the public safety properties along the
5 proposed rail transit line, assess the market values of these
6 public safety properties, and consider the sale or lease of the
7 Oahu community correctional center. All proceeds from such a
8 sale or lease shall be used to finance the construction of a new
9 correctional facility or facilities, or to pay off bonds made to
10 finance such construction. A status report shall be filed by
11 the department of public safety and the office of planning not
12 later than twenty days before the convening of the 2008
13 legislature indicating the results and recommendations of the
14 review.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Public Safety; Oahu Community Correctional Center

Description:

Requires a feasibility review regarding the sale or lease of the Oahu community correctional center in order to build a new facility in a different location to accommodate and manage the continued growth of the inmate population. (SD1)

