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Bill No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, House Draft 1 and House Resolution No. 47, House Draft 1 Requesting the Establishment of a Task Force to Study Effective Incarceration Policies to Improve Hawai'i's Correctional System

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the establishment of a task force to study effective incarceration policies to improve Hawai'i's correctional system. House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, House Draft 1 and House Resolution No. 47, House Draft 1 recognize the advisability of a comprehensive study of effective incarceration policies, programs and best practices in an effort to address Hawai'i's ongoing challenges to its correctional system. With the planned relocation of the O'ahu Community Correctional Center, there is an opportunity to develop solutions and improve our correctional system.

The governmental body with the greatest expertise relating to incarceration policies and correctional systems is the Department of Public Safety. As such, the Judiciary respectfully suggests that the Director of the Department of Public Safety be requested to serve as co-chair of the proposed task force with the Chief Justice of the Judiciary or their designees.

As this study is likely to incur costs, the Judiciary respectfully requests funding to support expenses associated with this study in an amount to be determined by the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.