



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Public Safety**

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 85 and House Resolution No. 47, 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 and House Resolution No. 47 recognize the advisability of a comprehensive study of effective incarceration policies, programs and best practices in an effort to address Hawai‘i’s on-going challenges to its correctional system. With the planned relocation of the Oahu 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. Additionally, the Judiciary respectfully requests the administrator of the Adult Client Services Branch or his designee serve on this Task Force, as the incarcerated population includes many who are on probation.



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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.