



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO
ACT 177, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION 25
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2002**

DECEMBER 2002

BACKGROUND

Because of overcrowding in Hawaii's correctional facilities, the Legislature funded the transfer of up to 1,200 Hawaii inmates to various private correctional institutions across the country. As of June 30, 2002, the Department of Public Safety had a total of 1,232 inmates in out-of-state facilities.

In FY 2001-2002, the Department contracted with three facilities in two states to house Hawaii inmates. Male inmates were housed at the Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, Oklahoma and the Florence Correctional Center in Florence, Arizona. The Corrections Corporation of America operated both facilities. The housing cost for these facilities was \$50 per day, per inmate. If more than 1,100 inmates were housed, the cost dropped to \$46.90 per day, per inmate. On June 30, 2002, there were 1,168 male inmates housed in Oklahoma and Arizona.

Female inmates were housed at the Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility in McLoud, Oklahoma. The facility was operated by the Dominion Corporation. The cost of housing was \$47.90 per inmate, per day. On June 30, 2002, there were 64 female inmates at the Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility.

Per day costs for out-of-state facilities do not include the following:

1. Certain medical expenses;
2. Routine transportation of inmates to and from Hawaii;
3. Transportation of inmates to and from Hawaii under special circumstances;
4. Cost of wages for work done by inmates (inmate compensation); and
5. Cost of videoconferencing.

As of June 30, 2002, the Department's correctional facilities in Hawaii had an operating bed capacity of 3,487. However, the number of inmates housed in Hawaii was 3,931. Although the current system remains overcrowded, the out-of-state contract beds have primarily helped two facilities: the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) and the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC).

The HCF has an operating capacity of 1,134 beds. The transfer of inmates to mainland facilities has brought the average population at the HCF between 1,270 and 1,300 inmates, which is down from nearly 1,500 inmates.

The WCCC has also benefited greatly from the out-of-state contract beds. The WCCC has an operating 260 beds. With the transfer of female inmates to Oklahoma, the population at the women's facility averages between 270 and 285 inmates.

The attached expenditure report is submitted to the Legislature as required by Act 177, Section 4, subsection 25, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
FY 2001-2002**

FACILITY	HOUSING	MEDICAL	WAGES	TRANSPORT	SITE INSP.	MISC	OTHER	SUB TOTALS
OKLAHOMA								
Diamondback	10,527,362.00	79,863.98	218,739.16	489,422.13	12,769.70	9,284.16		11,337,441.13
Central Oklahoma	1,069,846.50	7,703.21	-	4,654.00				1,082,203.71
ARIZONA								
Florence	10,746,711.00	1,322,114.99	356,753.74	834,706.85	21,338.56	39,932.29		13,321,557.43
SUBTOTALS	22,343,919.50	1,409,682.18	575,492.90	1,328,782.98	34,108.26	49,216.45	6,800.87	25,741,202.27
							30,392.00 *	
						GRAND TOTAL		<u>25,778,395.14</u>

* Medical expense incurred at Prairie Correctional Facility in FY01