



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO
ACT 200, PART III, SECTION 57
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2003
As amended by
ACT 41, PART II, SECTION 34
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2004**

January 2005

BACKGROUND

Due to the overcrowding in Hawaii's correctional facilities, the Legislature funded the transfer of up to 1,500 Hawaii inmates to private, out-of-state correctional institutions.

As of June 2004, the Department of Public Safety had a total of 1,579 inmates in out-of-state facilities. Between July 2003 and April 2004, the Department contracted with two facilities in two states to house Hawaii male inmates. These inmates were housed at the Diamondback Correctional Facility (DbCF) in Watonga, Oklahoma and the Florence Correctional Center (FCC) in Florence, Arizona. The cost of housing for these facilities was \$52.53 per inmate, per day.

In May 2004, entered into an additional contract with the Tallahatchie Correctional Facility (TCCF) in Tutwiler, Mississippi, to house Hawaii male inmates. The cost of housing for this facility was \$43.00 per inmate, per day as long as the Department maintained a minimum total number (862) of Hawaii inmates housed at FCC and DbCF at the higher price. By June 2004, 690 Hawaii inmates transferred from FCC to the TCCF.

Effective July 1, 2004, all per diem rates on Hawaii male inmates housed in DbCF and FCC increased by 2.5% at \$53.84 per inmate, per day. TCCF's per diem rate shall increase by 2.5% on July 1, 2005.

Female inmates were housed at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, formerly known as the Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility, in McLoud, Oklahoma until May 2004. The cost of housing for this facility was \$47.90 per inmate, per day. In August 2004, the Department entered into a contract with the Brush Correctional Facility in Brush, Colorado and transferred its 63 female inmates from Oklahoma into Colorado. The cost of housing for this facility is \$51.90 per inmate, per day.

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 inmate (inmate compensation); and
5. Cost of video-conferencing via long distance telephone calls.

The expenditure report for out-of-state inmates from July 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004 is attached for reference.

As of June 2004, the Department's correctional facilities in Hawaii had an operating bed capacity of 3,487. However, the number of inmates housed in Hawaii was 3,877. Although the current system remains overcrowded, the out-of-state contract beds have primarily helped two facilities: Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) and the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC).

The transfer of inmates to mainland facilities has brought the average population at HCF to 1,307. HCF has an operating capacity of 1,124 beds. WCCC has also benefited from the out-of-state contract beds. The transfer of female inmates to Oklahoma has brought the average population down to 295. WCCC has an operating capacity of 260 beds.

In October 2004, the Department with the approval of the Governor's Office created and established the Mainland & FDC Branch. Under the general supervision of the Department's Institutions Division Administrator, this branch has the statewide responsibility for all Hawaii inmates (male and female) housed in mainland prison facilities and the Federal Detention Center.

This report is submitted to the Legislature as required by Act 41, Part II, Section 34, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
FY 2003-2004**

FACILITY	HOUSING	MEDICAL	WAGES	TRANSPORT	SITE INSP.	MISC.	OTHER	TOTAL
OKLAHOMA								
Diamondback	15,785,179.55	725,873.43	319,387.04	774,327.87	20,975.21	15,881.57	94,786.09	17,736,410.76
Mabel Bassett	1,120,860.00				10,303.29	2,260.78		1,133,424.07
ARIZONA								
Florence	9,308,347.55	571,019.87	246,746.94	341,656.73	27,335.19	48,900.50	2,991.85	10,546,998.63
SUB TOTALS	26,214,387.10	1,296,893.30	566,133.98	1,115,984.60	58,613.69	67,042.85	97,777.94	29,416,833.46
FDC								
Federal Detention Center	1,551,033.55							
GRAND TOTALS	27,765,420.65	1,296,893.30	566,133.98	1,115,984.60	58,613.69	67,042.85	97,777.94	30,870,089.07

MISC= Employee salaries, overtime, night differential
OTHER= Services on-a-fee, equipment/furniture, long distance calls, rental of equipment, interest charges
funeral expenses, office supplies

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July 1, 2004 - October 31, 2004

FACILITY	HOUSING	MEDICAL	WAGES	TRANSPORT	SITE INSP.	MISC.	OTHER	TOTAL
OKLAHOMA								
Diamondback	5,327,360.32	177,689.02	105,548.03	25,113.13	16,291.23	11,905.48	90,294.66	5,754,201.87
Mabel Bassett	90,531.00					22,089.39		112,620.39
ARIZONA								
Florence	141,687.49	27,025.11	6,850.38	3,850.00	1,809.83	14,295.74		195,518.55
MISSISSIPPI								
Tallahatchie	3,617,246.00	26,769.55	61,248.16	231,835.00	7,849.50		2,402.23	3,947,350.44
COLORADO								
Brush	278,806.80		2,552.00					281,358.80
SUB TOTALS	9,455,631.61	231,483.68	176,198.57	260,798.13	25,950.56	48,290.61	92,696.89	10,291,050.05
FDC								
Federal Detention Center	509,023.68			8,638.00				517,661.68
MAINLAND BRANCH								
Administrative Costs							7,852.29	
GRAND TOTAL	9,964,655.29	231,483.68	176,198.57	269,436.13	25,950.56	48,290.61	100,549.18	10,808,711.73

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