



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO
ACT 259, SECTION 65
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2001**

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Background

Because of the overcrowding in our correctional facilities in Hawaii, the Legislature, over the years, has funded the transfer of up to 1200 Hawaii inmates to various private correctional institutions across the country. As of June 30, 2001, the Department of Public Safety had 1,194 inmates in out-of-state private facilities.

In FY 2000-2001, the Department contracted with four facilities in three states to house Hawaii inmates. Male inmates were housed at the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton, Minnesota; the Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, Oklahoma; and the Florence Correctional Center in Florence, Arizona. The Corrections Corporation of America operated all of the facilities. The cost of housing for these facilities was \$43/inmate/day if the total number of inmates was 1,000 or fewer, and \$42/inmate/day if the total number of inmates was 1,001 or more.

Female inmates were housed in the Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility in McLoud, Oklahoma. The cost of housing was \$45.30/inmate/day.

The per day cost does not include the following:

1. Certain medical expenses
2. Transporting of inmates to and from Hawaii
3. Transporting of inmates to and from Hawaii by Hawaii's request
4. Cost for inmate compensation (wages for work done)
5. Video conferencing

As of June 30, 2001, the Department had an aggregate bed space capacity in the Hawaii facilities of 3,406. The number of inmates housed, however was 3901. Our current system remains overcrowded but the transfers have helped two facilities: the Halawa Correctional Facility and Women's Community Correctional Center.

The Halawa Correctional Facility has an operating capacity of 1,046 beds. With the transfer of inmates to mainland facilities, its current population hovers between 1,200 and 1,270 inmates, down from nearly a high of 1,500 inmates.

The Women's Community Correctional Center has an operating capacity of 258 beds. With the transfer of inmates to the mainland facility, its current population hovers between 260 to 285 inmates. Allowing the transfer of female inmates to the mainland was instrumental in reducing the inmate population and the facility being dismissed from the Spear v Cayetano Consent Decree as of 1998.

The attached expenditure report is submitted to the Legislature as required by Act 259, Section 65.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
FY 2000-2001**

| FACILITY | HOUSING | MEDICAL | WAGES | TRANSPORT | MISC. | TOTALS |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| OKLAHOMA | | | | | | |
| Diamondback | \$ 6,022,669.00 | \$ 30,735.82 | \$ 88,789.44 | \$ 477,027.93 | \$ 30,485.97 | \$ 6,649,708.16 |
| Central Oklahoma | \$ 1,273,473.60 | \$ 3,034.49 | \$ - | \$ 32,029.31 | \$ 3,171.27 | \$ 1,311,708.67 |
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| ARIZONA | | | | | | |
| Florence | \$ 4,986,373.00 | \$ 146,026.67 | \$ 179,439.25 | \$ 360,473.42 | \$ 25,196.03 | \$ 5,697,508.37 |
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| MINNESOTA | | | | | | |
| Prairie | \$ 5,584,431.00 | \$ 78,860.50 | \$ 144,067.28 | \$ 67,268.49 | \$ 13,029.88 | \$ 5,887,657.15 |
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| GRAND TOTAL | \$ 17,866,946.60 | \$ 258,657.48 | \$ 412,295.97 | \$ 936,799.15 | \$ 71,883.15 | \$ 19,546,582.35 |