



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2014 LEGISLATURE

RESPONSE TO SECTION 353 H-7, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE INMATES

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SECTION 353 H-7, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (HRS)

Annual Report on the Return of Out-of-State Inmates

The Department of Public Safety (Department) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in Section 353 H-7, HRS, to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. The Department has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawaii's facilities in a timely manner. Qualified inmates are measured by the completion of all recommended programs, misconduct-free records, and minimum custody levels.

From November 2012 to October 2013, the Department brought 250 qualified inmates back to Hawaii for parole or work furlough participation.

The following table shows the inmates that are within 1 year of their parole hearing date and have not been returned in 2013:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e. Refuse programs, termination of programs)	168
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months	113
Escape history within past 7 years that precludes minimum custody housing	17
Detainers (i.e. Immigration, Federal, State) that precludes minimum custody housing	14
Refuse to work furlough programs & parole; wants to max out	18
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawaii (Interstate)	25
Pending available bed space at furlough program	128
TOTAL	483

Although, both bed and program space in our Hawaii facilities are limited, the Department has maintained a proactive approach to bringing inmates back to Hawaii in a timely manner and strives to achieve the goals and objectives of Act 8. The Department expanded its work furlough program at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) from 96 beds to 216 beds earlier this year. However, there continues to be a furlough bed waiting list for both in-state and out-of-state facilities.

The Department will continue its proactive approach to return its qualified inmates back to Hawaii within a year of their tentative parole date (TPD).