



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO
ACT 200, Part III, SUBSECTION 58
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2003**

JANUARY 2004

BACKGROUND

Because of overcrowding in Hawaii's correctional facilities, the Legislature funded the transfer of up to 1,350 Hawaii inmates to various private correctional institutions across the country. Additionally, the 2002 Hawaii State Legislature provided funds to house up to 75 inmates at the Hawaii-based Federal Detention Center (FDC) or to mainland facilities to lessen overcrowding at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).

In FY 2002-2003, 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 housing cost for these facilities was \$52.53 per day, per inmate.

Female inmates were housed at the Central Oklahoma Correctional Facility in McLoud, Oklahoma. In August 2003, the name of that facility was changed to the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. The cost of housing female inmates in Oklahoma was \$47.90 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 inmates (inmate compensation); and
5. Cost of videoconferencing.

The Expenditure Report for Out-of-State Inmates for FY 2002-2003 is attached for reference.

In contrast, the current cost for an inmate housed at the Hawaii-based FDC was \$91.81 per day, per inmate until October 1, 2003, when the daily rate rose to \$93.88 per inmate, per day. Hawaii inmates were first accepted for housing at the FDC in January 2001. Because federal law requires that the FDC accept only convicted inmates, the Department transferred inmates who were convicted, but not yet sentenced. This agreement with the FDC has helped to keep the population levels at OCCC at an average of 1,000 to 1,100.

From July 2002 to June 2003, the Department expended \$1,982,000 for the use of FDC beds. On June 30, 2003, there were 50 male inmates and 4 female inmates housed at the FDC. The number of inmates transferred to the FDC during FY 03 averaged 62 inmates.

If all cost factors remain constant, it is more cost-effective for Hawaii inmates to be transferred out-of-state rather than remain at the FDC. However, due to Hawaii's changing inmate population, the selection criteria for out-of-state placement may limit the number of inmates eligible for mainland transfers.

The criteria used for mainland transfers include the requirements of the receiving facility. For example, the State of Oklahoma limits Hawaii from sending the following type of inmates:

- Persons convicted of sex offenses;
- Persons convicted of escape in the first degree;
- Persons convicted of murder in the first degree;
- Persons classified higher than medium custody.

Additionally, the State of Hawaii considers the following factors when reviewing eligible Hawaii inmates for out-of-state placement:

- An inmate's time left to serve;
- Pending charges or appeals;
- Extraditions pending;
- Physical or mental health issues to be resolved that may affect an inmate's ability to function within a normal range; and
- An inmate's history of program participation, such as refusal to participate in recommended treatment programs, especially substance abuse treatment and sex offender treatment.

This report is submitted to the Legislature as required by Act 200, Part III, Subsection 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
FY 2002-2003**

FACILITY	HOUSING	MEDICAL	WAGES	TRANSPORT	SITE INSP.	MISC.	OTHER	TOTAL
OKLAHOMA								
Diamondback	11,951,420.95	467,813.42	318,327.15	534,221.74	34,915.42	24,956.75	70,919.67	13,402,575.10
Central Oklahoma	1,115,399.40	8,667.23	-	-	-	-	-	1,124,066.63
ARIZONA								
Florence	10,532,960.05	465,114.12	304,016.45	230,176.62	8,272.23	39,006.08	4,364.75	11,583,910.30
Treatment Services for Offenders	-	-	-	-	-	-	498,000.00	498,000.00
Treatment Services for Parolees	-	-	-	-	-	18,741.10	418,922.75	437,663.85
SUB-TOTALS	23,599,780.40	941,594.77	622,343.60	764,398.36	43,187.65	82,703.93	992,207.17	\$ 27,046,215.88

MISC = employee salaries, overtime, night differential

OTHER = services on-a-fee, equipment, long distance calls, rental of equipment, interest charges, funeral expenses, office supplies

EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
JULY 1, 2003 – OCTOBER 31, 2003

FACILITY	HOUSING	MEDICAL	WAGES	TRANSPORT	SITE INSP.	MISC.	OTHER	TOTAL
OKLAHOMA								
Diamondback	3,913,957.77	21,955.49	24,550.88	7,640.67	11,728.11	83.34	95.83	3,980,012.09
Central Oklahoma	280,885.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	280,885.60
ARIZONA								
Florence	1,996,980.48	153,285.65	43,064.28	1,861.59	6,685.33	14,549.65	63.12	2,216,490.10
SUB-TOTALS	6,191,823.85	175,241.14	67,615.16	9,502.26	18,413.44	14,632.99	158.95	\$ 6,477,387.79

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