



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE INMATES

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Department of Public Safety (PSD) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in Act 8 to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. PSD has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawaii’s correctional 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 2013 to October 2014, PSD brought 230 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 2014:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e. Refuse programs, termination of programs)	150
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months	166
Escape history within past 7 years that precludes minimum custody housing	39
Detainers (i.e. Immigration, Federal, State) that precludes minimum custody housing	16
Refuse to work furlough programs & parole; wants to max out	59
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawaii (Interstate)	32
Pending available bed space at furlough program	38
TOTAL	500

Although, both bed and program space in our Hawaii correctional facilities are limited, PSD 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.

PSD reopened the Kulani Correctional Facility located on the Big Island in June 2014. An additional 200 minimum custody bed spaces came online to help reduce the population within the private prisons. The increase of bed space to 216 beds from 96 at the work furlough program at the Oahu Community Correctional Center back in 2013 continues to benefit decreasing the overall population; however, there continues to be a furlough bed waiting list for both in-state and out-of-state facilities.

PSD will continue its proactive approach to return its qualified inmates back to Hawaii within a year of their tentative parole date.