



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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The Department of Public Safety (PSD) continues to work with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) – Public Works on DAGS Job No. 12-27-5670, Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC), Planning for Relocation and Expansion.

On March 24, 2015, the Governor approved the delegation of expenditure and release of the \$5,000,000 authorized by Act 122, SLH 2014, Item I-1.01, which amended Act 134, SLH 2013 to change the expending agency from PSD to DAGS, the State department with the necessary experience, expertise, and staff required to implement and expedite the project. Because the scope of work is broad and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the existing OCCC site, site identification and selection, and development of an implementation schedule, PSD and DAGS have been working together to strategically prioritize project components to ensure that expenditures are targeted purposefully.

Further, PSD has worked with the Department of the Attorney General (AG) during the Interim of 2016 to draft a legislative proposal for the Governor's consideration for placement in the Administration's package of bills to be introduced in the 2016 Legislature. The draft legislative proposal would amend Sections 353-16.35 and 353-16.37, Hawaii Revised Statutes to facilitate in an expeditious and efficient manner the development or expansion of in-state correctional facilities. The legislative proposal also seeks general obligation bond funding.