



# Future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center

## Public Scoping Meeting and Process

October 2016

Mahalo for your interest in the future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) and to those who attended the Scoping Meeting held on September 28, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to give interested parties an opportunity to provide comments on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be undertaken for the proposed OCCC replacement. The Scoping Meeting was successful in attracting over 60 attendees representing a wide variety of organizations and range of viewpoints. The comments and questions heard that evening offered valuable advice and insight concerning the proposed OCCC replacement.

Information shared and received during the Scoping Meeting has been organized into this Scoping Meeting Summary. The Summary represents the compilation of all meeting materials provided to attendees as well as the information, comments and questions offered to the OCCC team during and since the Scoping Meeting. Included in the sections that follow are the following:

- Scoping Meeting Agenda
- Presentation: Oahu Community Correctional Center Replacement
- Scoping Meeting Exhibit Boards
- Public input from six separate listening stations
- Comment cards
- OEQC Environmental Notice of Extension

All public input and written comments have been provided to the OCCC team and will be documented in the Draft EIS scheduled for publication in 2017.

Over the coming months, additional project information will become available as the OCCC team reaches various milestones. Use the PSD website to keep abreast of progress, upcoming events and meetings, and to inquire about the OCCC replacement and the important role you can play in the decision-making process: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans>.

Since the Scoping Meeting was held, PSD and the Department of Accounting and General Services have announced that the public review period for the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the OCCC replacement has been extended from 30 to 60 days. The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) published a notice of the time extension in the October 8, 2016 edition of the Environmental Notice. All comments concerning the proposed project should now be postmarked by November 22, 2016. Mahalo for your continued interest and support.

## Interested in Learning More? Contact:

For additional information, visit <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans> or contact:

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## **Public Scoping Meeting: Agenda**



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### **Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) Scoping Meeting**

**6:00 PM · September 28, 2016 · Farrington High School · Honolulu, Hawai'i**

Thank you for joining us for this evening's Scoping Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to give interested parties an opportunity to provide comments on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Oahu Community Correctional Center. What questions do you want answered in the EIS? Your comments and questions will give us guidance on issues to be studied in the Draft EIS, which is expected to be published in 2017.

#### **Meeting Format**

- Presentation
  - Overview of project and objectives
  - Explanation of the EIS process
  - Speakers:
    - Nolan Espinda (Director, Hawai'i Department of Public Safety)
    - Ramsey Taum (PBR Hawaii)
    - Gary Marshall (Architects Hawaii, Ltd.)
- Breakout Listening Stations
  - In an effort to give everyone a chance for input, the interactive portion of the meeting will feature a number of "listening stations" where:
    - You can share your thoughts and concerns
    - Ideas will be recorded on paper
    - Input gathered will be made available for public review in the Draft EIS

#### **Additional Comments**

Additional questions, comments, and concerns may be offered on the comment cards provided, or sent via postal mail to the following locations (postmarked by October 24, 2016):

##### Proposing Agency:

Hawai'i Dept. of Accounting and General Services  
Attn: Lance Y. Maja, P.E., Coordinator  
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By law, written replies will only be provided to comments with return addresses and postmarked by October 24, 2016

#### **Links:**

EIS Preparation Notice can be found at: <http://health.Hawaii.gov/OEQC/> (EA and EIS Library)  
Further OCCC information can be found at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans/>

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## **Public Scoping Meeting: Presentation**



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# O‘AHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER REPLACEMENT

EIS SCOPING MEETING | SEPTEMBER 28, 2016



# Overview

- Purpose of Tonight's Meeting (PBR)
- Welcome (PSD)
- Project Background (AHL)
- EIS Process (PBR)



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# Meeting Purpose

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- Give interested parties an opportunity to provide comments to the scope of the Draft EIS
- Gather input on issues to be studied in the Draft EIS

## Goal & Essential Question:

Goal:

Ensure that the EIS addresses issues of concern.

Question:

*What issues or concerns should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement?*

# What this meeting is **NOT** about

- Site Selection
- A Master Plan
- Design & Construction
- Facility Operations



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# Meeting Format & Process

# Open House Format

- Overview of the project & objectives
- Overview of EIS process
- Breakout to listening stations

# Breakout Listening Stations

- Share your thoughts and concerns
- All ideas will be recorded and captured
- All input gathered will be made available for public review in the Draft EIS
- Additional questions, comments, concerns may be left on comment cards provided



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**Ano'ai Kākou**

**Welcome**



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# Project Background

# Current OCCC Facility

- In operation since 1975
- Largest jail facility in Hawai‘i
- Overcrowded, inefficient, and outdated
- Present condition puts public, staff, and inmates at risk
- In dire need of replacement

# Objectives

- Improve living conditions for inmates
- Address overcrowding issues
- Introduce modern security technology
- Increase effectiveness of staff
- Create a safer, more efficient work environment

## **Objectives, cont'd.**

- Better prepare inmates for successful reintegration
- Reduce recidivism
- Better address special needs population
- Improve partnerships with volunteers & community
- Improve family visitation experience

# Planning Process

- July – December, 2016
  - Research & information gathering
  - Space Programming
  - Site Selection
  - EISPN
  - Report to the 2017 Legislature
- January – April, 2017
  - Begin technical studies of alternative sites
  - Draft EIS

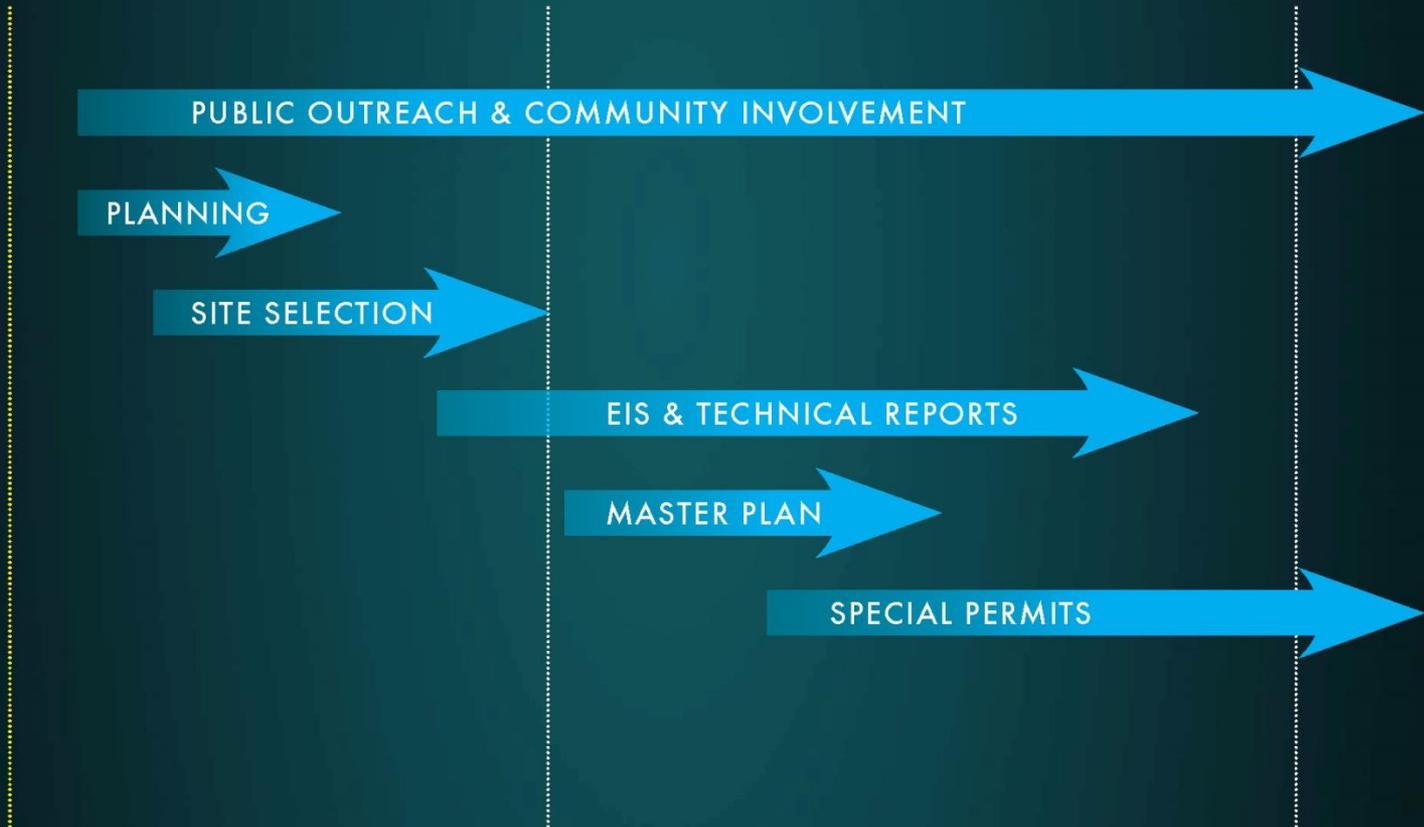


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**TODAY**

**2017**

**2018**





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# **Environmental Impact Statement**

# Why an EIS?

- Use of State lands and/or funds triggers need for environmental compliance
- An EIS will be prepared rather than a less extensive EA
- EIS is not a permit – after the EIS, separate major discretionary land use approvals will be applied for and secured before design and construction can begin

## **EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN)**

### **Scoping Process**

- Start of EIS process
- Purpose: gather input on issues to be studied in Draft EIS
- Focus scope of technical studies
- Identify stakeholder groups that would like to comment on EIS
- EISPN distributed to government agencies and community groups
- EISPN available online at the OEQC website
- 30-day public comment period  
(September 23 to October 24)

# EIS Process

## EISPN

- Define EIS scope
- Public comment/input

## Draft EIS

- Public review and comment

## Final EIS

Incorporates all comments  
Accepted by Governor

# Types of Technical Studies

- Biological Surveys
- Cultural/Archaeological Studies
- Economic Impact Analysis / Public Cost-Benefit Assessment Studies
- Preliminary Civil Engineering Reports
- Traffic Impact Assessment Reports
- Visual Analysis Studies

## Draft EIS

- Prepared in accordance with Hawai'i laws and rules:
  - The Hawai'i EIS Law (Chapter **343**, HRS)
  - The Hawai'i Corrections Law (Chapter **353-16.35**, HRS)
  - EIS Law Administrative Rules (§11-200-17, HAR)
- Primary environmental review document
- Discusses potential impacts & mitigation measures
- Includes all technical studies
- Contains all EISPN comments and responses
- Available online at the OEQC website & all regional public libraries
- 60-day agency/public comment period

# **Draft EIS Distribution for Review and Comment:**

- Community Groups & Individuals
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- City and County of Honolulu Agencies
- Elected Officials

# Final EIS

- Draft EIS is revised in response to comments
- Contains all Draft EIS comments and responses
- The Governor is the Accepting Authority
- Final EIS is not a permit
- Disclosure document for PSD/DAGS decision-making

# EISPN Comments

- Please share your comments in writing with us tonight;  
or
- Provide them in writing by postal mail to:  
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# Next Steps Tonight

- Please visit our listening stations to provide verbal comments
- Please fill out a comment card and hand it in before you leave tonight or postmarked before October 24, 2016
- A copy of the EISPN is available at <http://health.Hawaii.gov/OEQC/>



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# MAHALO!

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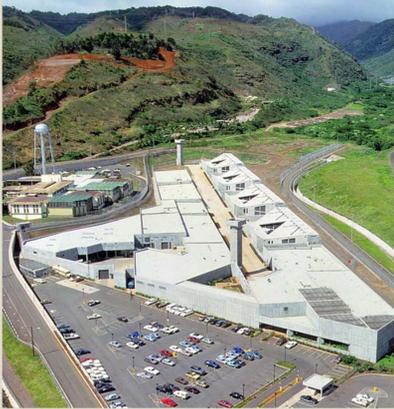
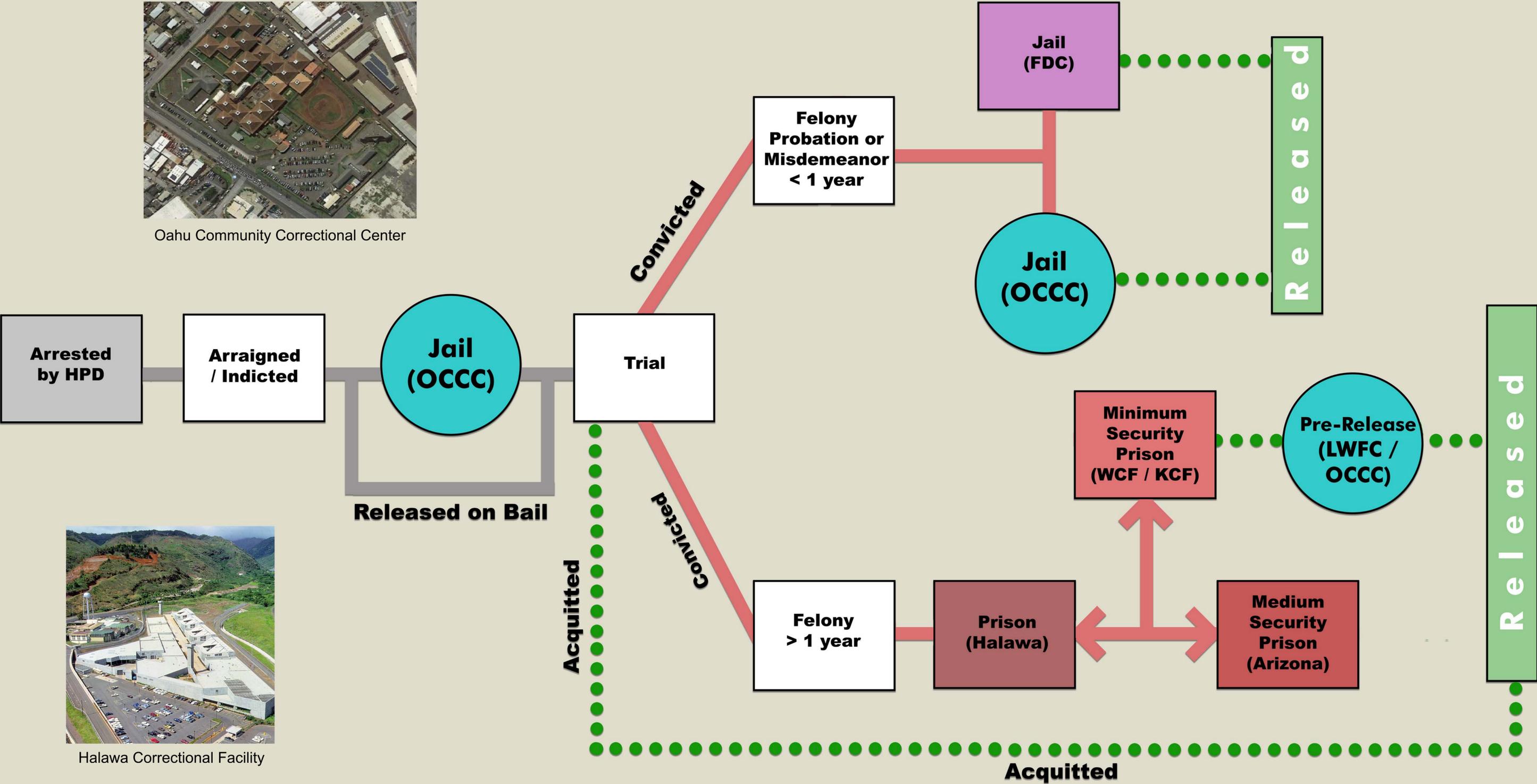
## **Public Scoping Meeting: Exhibit Boards**

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## Oahu Chain of Custody Flow



Oahu Community Correctional Center



Halawa Correctional Facility

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## Modern Jail Design



Washington County Community Corrections Center



Snohomish County Corrections



Chicago Metropolitan Correctional Center



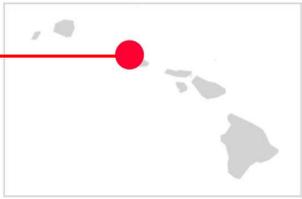
Sacramento County Main Jail



Los Angeles Metropolitan Detention Center



Honolulu Federal Detention Center



San Diego Metropolitan Correctional Center



Houston Federal Detention Center



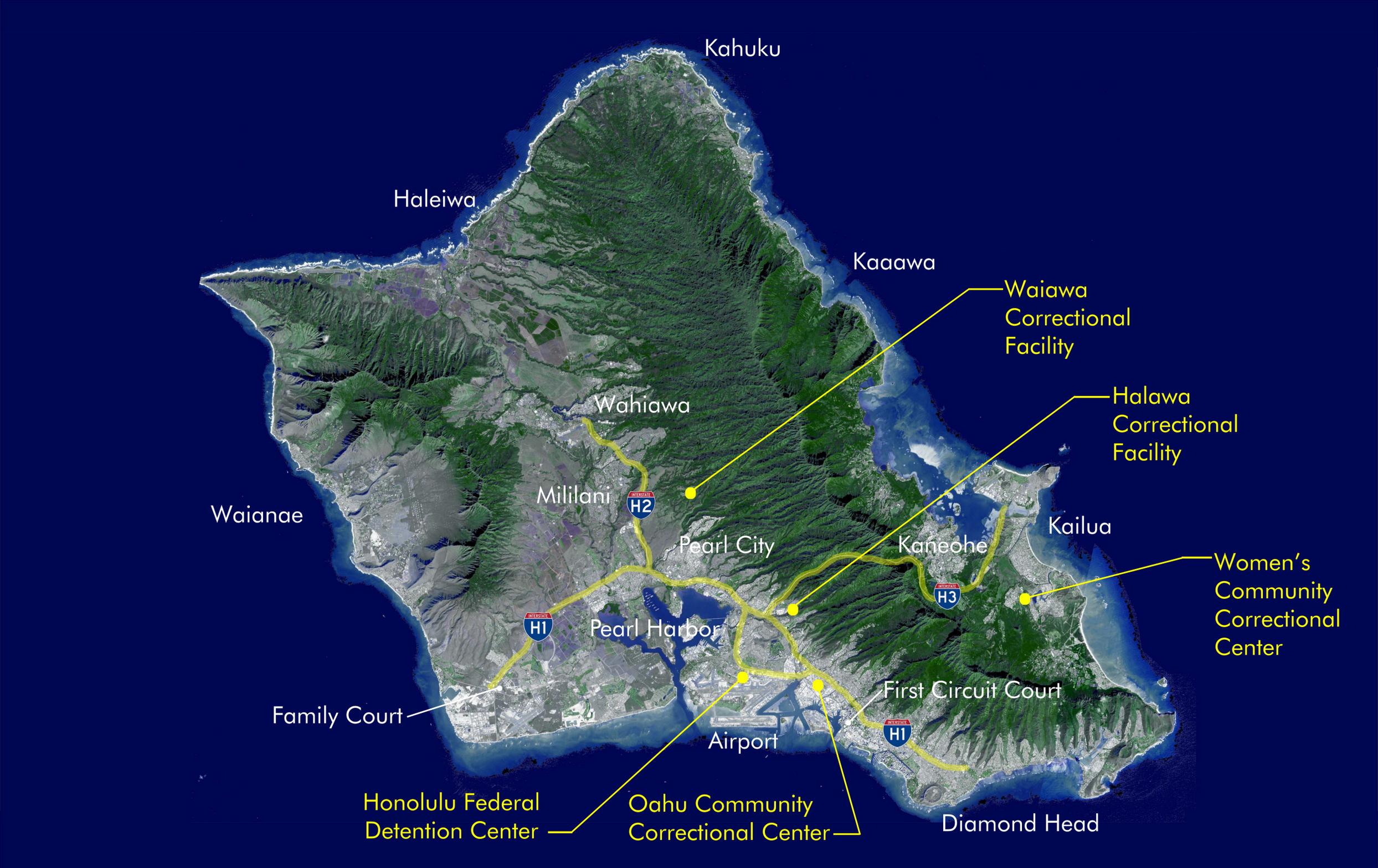
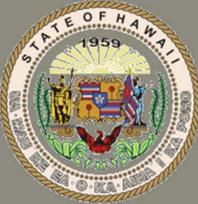
Philadelphia Federal Detention Center



Miami Federal Detention Center

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## Correctional Facilities on Oahu



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## Planning Process for OCCC Replacement



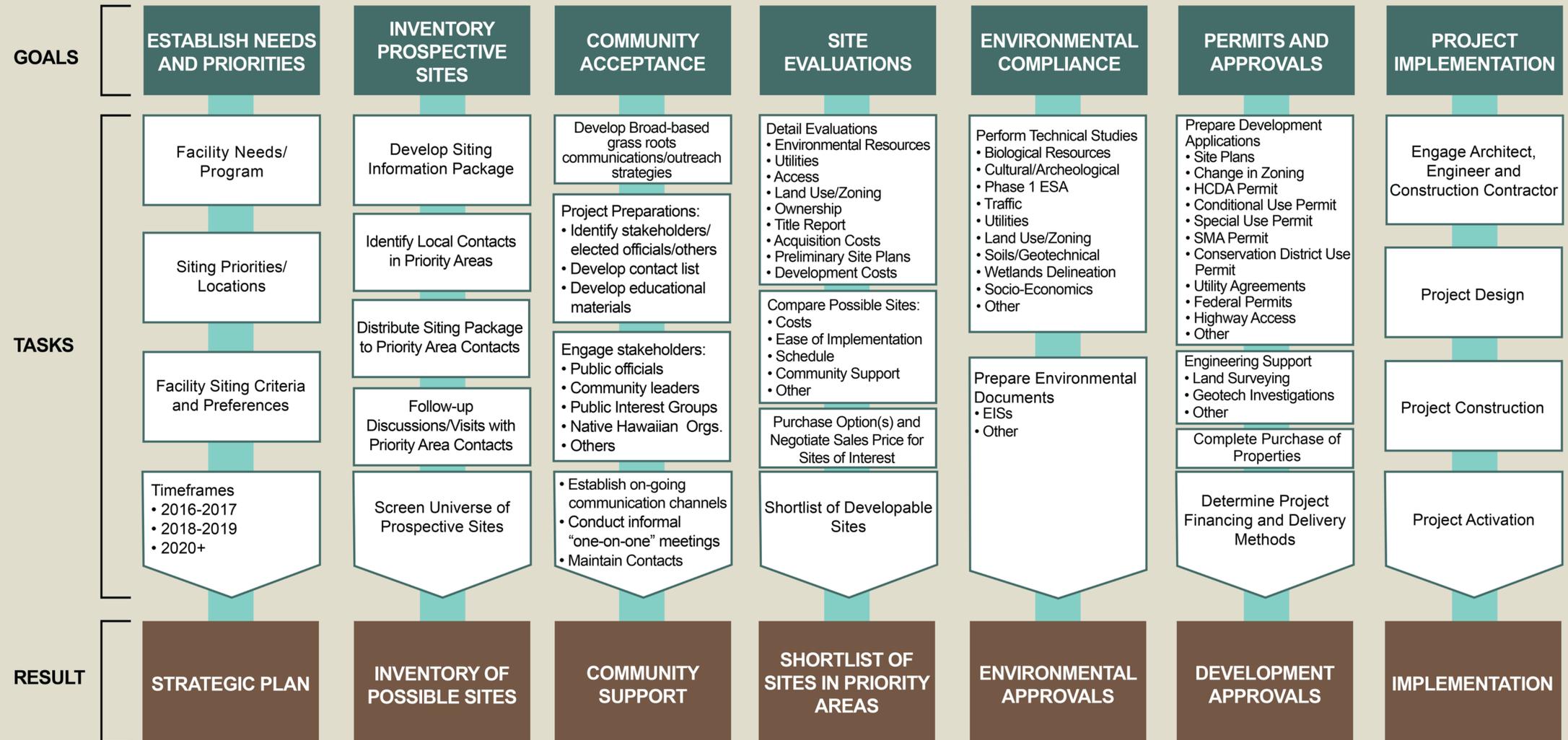
### Planning Process

A successful planning process involves:

- Well-defined plan forward
- Transparent and inclusive approach
- Defensible decision-making
- Public information and outreach effort that builds towards a consensus on the outcome.

### Key Milestones in Environmental Impact Statement Process

- Publish EIS Preparation Notice; Public Scoping Comment Period Begins (Sept. 23, 2016)
- Hold EIS Public Scoping Meeting (Sept. 28, 2016)
- Public Scoping Comment Period Ends (Oct. 24, 2016)
- Perform EIS Technical Studies
- Publish Draft EIS
- Draft EIS Public Comment Period
- Respond to Draft EIS Comments; Publish Final EIS
- Final EIS Public Comment Period
- Final EIS Accepted by Governor



### EIS Process



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## Site Identification and Evaluation Process



Proximity to Legal Service Providers



Site Topography



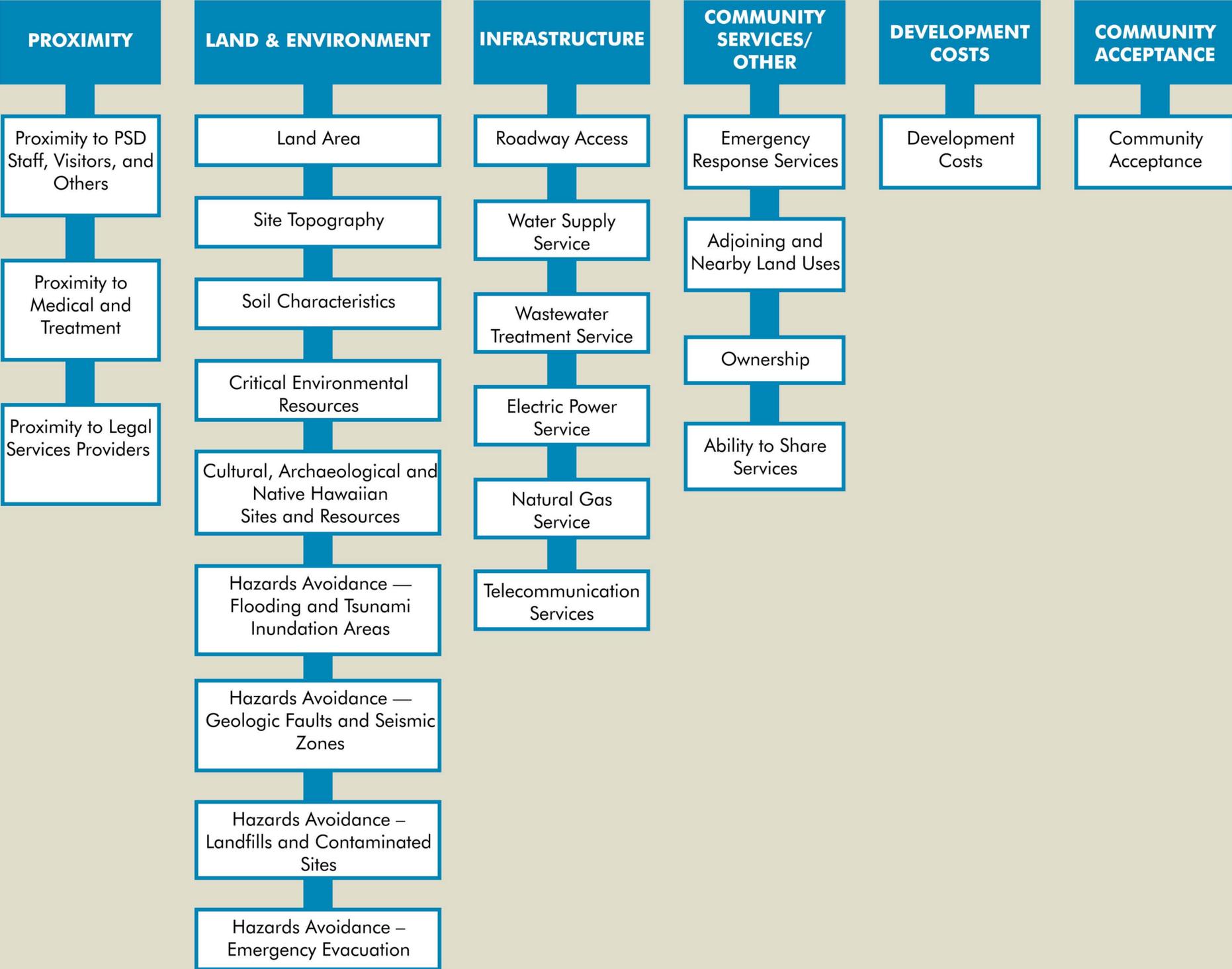
Roadway Access



Emergency Response Services



Community Acceptance



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## **Public Scoping Meeting: Results from Listening Stations**

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- Access to services needed (re-entry). Homeless persons. Housing, basic needs (state offices), economic development/jobs.
- Access for families: public transportation
- Impact of appearance. No barb wire. Should facilitate integration. Less institutional (courtyards?).
- Look less like a prison. Process and treatment in the facility should be therapeutic/support success.
- Energy consumption
- Sewer capacity – reuse of greywater, new technology
- Better projection of vision/mission. Think differently about the facility. Emphasis on healing/ therapeutic.

- Other areas (SF/west coast) have a therapeutic core.
- Staffing = security. More rehab staff, less monitoring detainees need opportunities to learn
- EIS process – without knowing needs?
- Decentralized facilities:
  - Stigma attached
  - Should be designed for integration
  - Jail vs. prison
- Norway
- San Francisco
  - Focus on treatment/rehabilitation
- Assessment of population of OCCC
  - Pre-trial
  - Felony
  - Substance abuse
- Buildings support those needs?

- Broken criminal justice system
- Streamline/match changes to criminal justice system
- Consult current inmate who will receive the treatment esp. repeat users what will work for them.
  - Consultation w/current jail population
  - What might make life better and encourage people not to come back?
  - Relevant and appropriate to include them and what they've got to say
- Cost of calling – if phones owned and operated by prison (microaggression)
- Site Selection (with arrow connecting to consult current inmates, above)
- Design and construction (with arrow connecting to consult current inmates, above)
- Operation (with arrow connecting to consult current inmates, above)
- Access to court system treatment and rehabilitation
  - Family reunification visitation
- Design focus on treatment and rehabilitation

- Assessment process needs to be robust not just focus on risk
  - Holistic assessment (of person's needs)
  - Vocational training
- Design structures for specific populations
  - Pre-trial detainees separate from other detainees, for example.
- How can functions of facilities add economic health and vitality to community
- Build housing geared for staff/workforce around the facility. Housing
- "Coming out of jail is like starting from scratch"
- Design should facilitate working together, fostering teamwork
- People need things to do
  - library should be stocked
  - computer access
    - stay in touch
    - search for jobs
- Begin with trust

- Opportunities to foster
  - social interaction
  - learning emotional self-management
- Facility and programs should enable people to learn skills, coping skills even if there for short time
- Need to be more thought given to more treatment outside the facility – provide services before people get to the point where they would go to jail/provide treatment outside jail
- Normalize activity within facility
- Provide housing /vocational training/ work/treatment services after release – comprehensive discharge. Not provided by the system:
  - Work
  - Family
  - Other needs
- Plan for population reduction through social services programs
- Need of the facility can change based on policies and laws

Connie Mitchell (IHS)

- OCCC current location has a benefit of not being completely hardened – maintain impervious surfaces
- What is scope of EIS?
- Will it be done in phases?
- Site selection?
- Which sites have been selected?
- What is basis of site selection?
- Question about bussing from OCCC to court?
- OCCC vs. Halawa?
- Question about design build
- Integrating courts, medical, housing, and food service and correctional services into one facility
- Judicial process? If crime committed on Maui, will they be brought here?

- Question about original design capacity?
- Is there enough land at Halawa? Or will they have to acquire more land?
- How many beds are needed?
- How many beds are currently at OCCC?
- Can expand Halawa to bring back prisoners to Hawaii from mainland?
- Is a site being considered so the jail is closer to the courts so there is no need to transport
- Can put a courthouse at OCCC?
- What is average timing for OCCC inmates? (how long do they usually stay on average?)
- Is there a consideration to house inmates off-island?

- Don't do anything in Halawa. It will kill Halawa
- Concerns about employment in Halawa Valley
- Vendor in correctional facilities.
  - Go inside facilities to work before they go out
  - Connect to resources before they leave
  - Public safety hasn't been working on discharge plan
  - primarily exiting from Halawa: Parole authority creates exit plan but nobody does anything if they max out
    - No jobs, \$, housing, support
    - Leads to quick return
- Focus on these clients but can't do if facilities are remote from:
  - Housing
  - Transit
  - Resources

- OCCC design
  - Programming is almost impossible to accomplish b/c no training facilities accessible to OCCC res.
  - Nowhere to train/teach/engage/prepare to come out to society
    - No table, black board, etc.
    - No private spaces/quiet
    - Capability to have private time/space for counseling in living module
    - Learning center remote from where they live
    - Not enough ACL to supervise visits (too remote from where they live) let alone to learning center so inmates cannot get there w/o supervisor even if service provider can get there
  - 12 month max – no ability to access or train
    - Let out then without training likely to go back in
  - Case management training, make sure there are opportunities for people to work with these objectives
  - Need to be include objectives so not regret in with new build facilities for many years.
  - Many times, inmates leave w/o documents (system loses them: taken upon arrest but not returned). ID/birth certificates/SS card. Without them, can't work on welfare benefits (what do they do?)
  - Space to sit with them b/c w/o case management & w/lost documents they are double stuck
  - Remain aware of these elements and honored in these moves
  - These groups as stakeholder w/seat at the table – more involvement to assure these things are part of the process
- How does the parole authority fit within this EIS process?

- Will there be setbacks around facilities?
- Incorporate Hawaiian cultural concepts into design
- Maybe smaller facilities (like a village)
- Jail closer to west side (Lanikuhonua/Ko Olina)

- We need to appropriately prepare for population
- Will there be more than 2 inmates /cell?
- Cost figures needed
  - Stay Kalihi vs. moving
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Projected inmate population/future
- Bad start tonight: purpose of meeting not properly explained; DEIS not clearly explained; telling residents “this is NOT what meeting about” was wrong – confused many and frustrate many – tonight is about “site selection, master plan, Design and Construction, Facility Operations”

- Will transit access affect site selection?
- Barber’s Point/Kalaeloa/Kapolei
- Will proximity to the Judiciary affect site selection?
- What level of environmental clean-up will be necessary if relocated?

- Will all the prisoners from the mainland come back after this project is finished?
- DOH has better land at Waimalu Ridge
- Kalihi Palama Native Hawaiian Civic Club is in favor of a vertical structure if it means bringing Native Hawaiians home

- When we pick the alternative sites, we have to notify all the neighborhood boards located in those sites

- Cultural identity (opportunities to increase)
- Community contributions
- Connection (mutual help/assistance)

- Important to include details of jail:
  - Population
  - Current conditions
  - Why needed
  - Ask federal government for their site
  - Infrastructure has impact on community (eg. Toilel) [sic.]
- Site selection
  - Lanikohonua – culture (Ko’olina)
  - Significance for Hawaiians
  - Site for Atlantis Hotel

Suggest smaller facilities near neighborhoods

- Where and how will population projections be determined. Important to include in DEIS
- Include Best Practices in design (nationally and internationally)
- Request reasoning for overcrowding (what the justification)

- Consider design that spreads out not just tall buildings
- Site selection
  - Close to job placement (work furlough)
  - Close public transportation important for rehabilitation

- Cultural Impact Assessment
  - Genuinely address cultural concern
- Provide significantly sized space for cultural activities and protocol
- Opportunities for community interaction (eg. Community days to increase)
- Opportunities for providing service to community (are making positive contribution grow plants, crops, feed community)

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**COMMENT**

**Name:** Sherry Campagna **Organization:** KPNHCC

**Mailing Address:**

**Comments:**

- eliminate criteria for proximity of OCCC location to guards → should not be accommodating employee needs (also turnover of guards will change this dynamic)
- Women's population should be separated (to WCCC)
  - ↳ in order to better attend to young, minor visitors (OCCC regulations ~~don't~~ accommodate this well)
  - ↳ more mother-child relationships
  - ↳ cleaner, safer facilities
- socio-economic study
  - ↳ value of OCCC (cost) to families
  - ↳ socio-economic impact of the "vacuum" (effects on the surrounding neighborhood/economy)

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Sherry F. Campagna (comment #2)

## Alternative 1: An Intergenerational Neighborhood

Retire OCCC and redevelop the property into an Intergenerational Neighborhood; a national model for disrupting the pipeline of at-risk kids to incarceration by providing people in care with a vibrant, permanent community of support. This would be achieved by redeveloping the property into a safe residential community with excellent amenities for foster/adoptive families that include foster kupuna and foster/adopted keiki.

The OCCC site is ideal because it is a large urban site that is already used as a secure residential facility with existing green space. This proposed alternative would not be a drastically different land use. Additionally, this site is located close to downtown, public schools, a community college, public transportation, public health offices (including WIC), a satellite city hall, restaurants, grocery stores and major arterial roadways.

Some existing buildings in the campus could be redeveloped "cleaner and greener" in an effort to contribute to Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative. New structures could follow green building principles.

Research the similar, successful models created by:

- New Life Village in Tampa, Florida
- Treehouse Foundation in Easthampton, Massachusetts
- Hope Meadows in Chicago, Illinois
- Bridge Meadows in Portland, Oregon

Most of the existing intergenerational communities are privately funded with some money coming from grants. Hawaii's would be the first intergenerational, rent-assisted neighborhood managed by a state. In addition to the decreased operational costs of the facility, savings would be further realized through the money saved in the areas of foster care, physical health care, mental health care, rehabilitation and incarceration.

**Benefits for foster/adopted keiki:** Forever families and a nice place to grow up

**Benefits for foster/adoptive parents:** Rent-assisted homes that make it easier to keep families (especially larger or low income ones) together. In our economy, few parents can afford to adopt or foster sibling sets in addition to the children they may already have.

**Benefits for foster kupuna:** Life in an age-diverse community and the opportunity to mentor and share with younger people.



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**COMMENT**

**Name:** TAYLOR-Ann KURASAWA **Organization:** High school student @ Manaiwa  
**Mailing Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:**

- 1) - I feel like they weren't prepared
- 2) - I feel like they are giving us half of a story about this because there were certain subjects we couldn't talk about.
- 3) - If OCCC stays there and it does get under construction they can't mix the prisoners with other prisoners. Also it wasn't a community thing even if it says it was.
- 4) Another question I have is about the furioh program. In the article I was reading it said they are trying to centralize the program. What do you mean by centralize? Make the program bigger? Have another program? If they do make another program where would they put the program? How much would that cost? I know there is La Maka

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COMMENT

**Name:** JAMES WOOD **Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

This most important environmental consideration for this project is the impact of the location and the facilities on the individuals most involved in the use of the structure, namely the inmates, their families, the community (both neighboring and statewide) and the staff and officials operating the jail (or prison, if its combined). Consequently, the accessibility of the structure and the accessibility within the structure should be a significant issue to be considered.

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COMMENT

**Name:** Michael McDonald      **Organization:** Kulihi Valley Neighborhood Board #16  
**Mailing Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** ~~How~~ How will this study...  
~~Aesthetic~~ • effectively gather information from other Jails that needed an overhaul similar to OCCC?  
• ~~Prepare~~ Better prepare a new facility to operate past the ~~2016~~ OCCC's lifespan?  
• Prepare the stakeholders to successfully meet objectives such as reducing recidivism, better reintegration for release, and stop overcrowding in the future?

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September 28, 2016

RE: Comments and Questions on the  
Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for  
Replacement of the Oahu Community Correctional Center  
DAGS Job No. 12-27-5670

From: Barbara Polk  
[REDACTED]

In the first place, I believe this EISPN is premature. How is it possible to consider infrastructure without considering the type of jail or jails that are envisioned and the incarceration policies that inform them?

The legislature rejected immediate funding for replacement of OCCC, instead funding a task force "to study effective incarceration policies in Hawaii and other jurisdictions, and suggest improvements for Hawaii's correctional system, including recommendations for designs of future correctional facilities" (HRS 85, 2016 legislature) A preliminary report from that task force is due in August of next year. Until then, there is no agreement as to what should be built.

Since PBR Hawaii has not been given specific direction as to the type and scope of facilities envisioned, this Preparation Notice appears to assume that OCCC will be replaced by a single major jail in one location. Good practice elsewhere in the world suggests that there are better alternatives. Therefore, I ask:

What types of facilities are being included in this study?

Is decentralization of housing units on site being considered, such as houses or cottages for smaller groups of incarcerated persons?

Is space for outdoor and indoor recreation facilities included?

Will the quality of soil be analyzed for possible landscaping or use for agricultural activities?

Is there consideration of a geographically decentralized system of jails?

In other countries, housing inmates in their local communities has proven effective in reducing recidivism by maintaining social ties and contacts that will be needed when they are released.

Are you looking at locations for smaller jails to house limited numbers of prisoners, rather than one centralized facility?

If any of the things mentioned above will not be considered, why not?

What will be included in the final EIS regarding possible locations for female inmates and assessment of those locations?

Material in this EISPN is very vague about plans for female inmates, other than to house them elsewhere

What are the projections for the number of people of each status (pre-trial, misdemeanor pre-release, etc.) to be housed in a new OCCC and WCCC or in decentralized facilities?

Thank you for considering these questions.



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**COMMENT**

**Name:** Savannah Galindo Tom **Organization:** High School student / Moanalua High  
**Mailing Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:**

- I feel like they don't even have a plan yet. They're just making like they do just to show what they think people want to see. For example when I asked about where they are going to put the prisoners if the building ended to be under construction! the man I charge had to think about it and doesn't even know the exact location!  
- Less money should be used on prisons and more towards education.  
- If they cut down on staff members what happens if there's a riot or something and they don't have enough staff to help out.  
- If they build a building that's really high, there will be more deaths and suicides, a way for inmates to kill themselves.

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**COMMENT**

**Name:** Malia Bernard-Reantas **Organization:** MoHS

**Mailing Address:** [Redacted]

**Comments:**

- Concerned about the ~~recidivism~~ <sup>recidivism rate</sup>; It seems that we are trying to copy the mainland facilities... need to make sure that these modern facilities are "proven" to reduce recidivism rates & provide
- We should actually put the \$500 million into education... this is the best way to decrease present individuals from entering prisons... as stated by former Secretary of Education Arne Duncan
- DOE spends approx. \$10K to educate 1 student/yr
- HI spends approx \$48K to incarcerate adult in jail/prison per year
- HI spends \$100k to lock up youth in prison
- Out of 3 prisoners in OCCC are homeless <sup>most w/ substance abuse</sup>

This is ridiculous

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these issues are important







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**COMMENT**

**Name:** Marc Rubenstein      **Organization:** Royal Star Hawaii  
**Mailing Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:**  
 I believe the state, the public, & the inmates would  
 be best served by relocating OCCC to somewhere  
 out of the Honolulu core. Whether it be Halawa or  
 Ewa Ewa, it makes no sense in 2016 to have this  
 facility in its current location.  
 Thank you!

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## **Public Scoping Process: Time Extension**



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### **OCCC REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED**

HONOLULU – The Department of Public Safety (PSD) and the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) would like to announce that the public review period for the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) on the relocation and expansion of the Oahu Community Correctional Center has been extended from 30 to 60 days. The Governor notified the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC, <http://health.hawaii.gov/oeqc/>) at the end of last week that a sixty-day public comment period on the EISPN is in the spirit of the EIS law under HRS Chapter 343 and Chapter 353. The public review period extension was published in the October 8, 2016 edition of the OEQC Notice. All comments should now be postmarked by November 22, 2016. (The original EISPN publication date was September 23, with the comment period ending October 24).

The time extension was made in response to comments received from community stakeholders, elected officials, and the public at the EISPN Scoping Meeting held on September 28, at the Farrington High School Cafeteria. The extended comment period will provide the community with additional time to submit comments and address questions to be considered in the Draft EIS. Work on the Draft EIS is expected to begin at the conclusion of the EISPN public review period.

For more information on the project and detailed instructions as to how to submit questions and comments for the Draft EIS, please visit: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans/>

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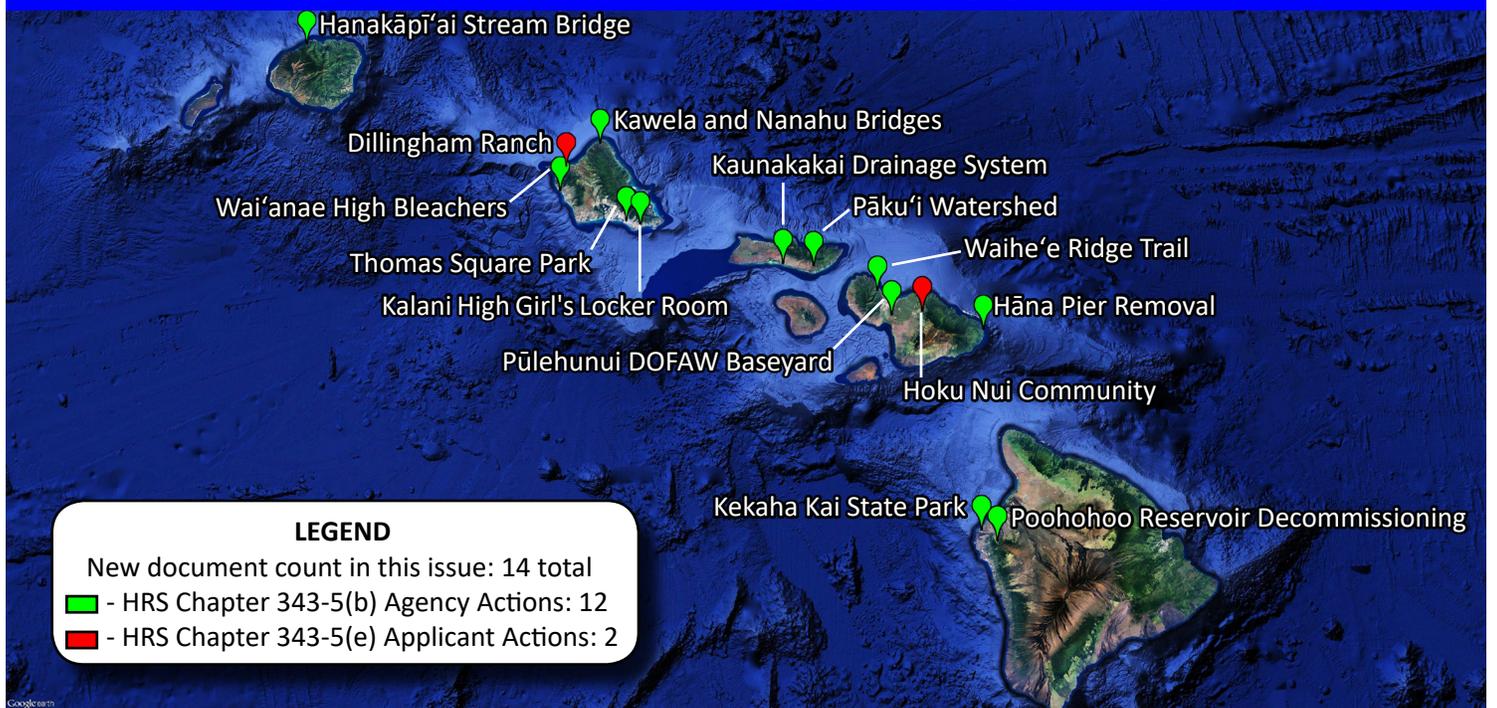
The Governor has extended the comment period for the [OCCC EISPN](#) from 30 days to 60 days. Comments now due 11/22/16.

The [Dillingham Ranch Agricultural Subdivision withdrawal](#) applies to the [DEA](#) published on 12/23/14, not the [EISPN of the same name](#) published on 9/23/16.

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