

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT TO THE 2007 LEGISLATURE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

Report on Maui Community Correctional Center, Pu'unene

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phases of the Pu'unene project to date;

Progress achieved during the planning and design With the assistance of the Departments of Accounting and General Services and Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety has been able to make progress in the development of a pre-architectural program that will relocate an expanded Maui Community Correctional Center to a new 38-acre site at Pu'unene, Maui considerably more suitable for the delivery of a corrections program than the existing Wailuku site could provide.

> The plan calls for the segmentation of the two distinct inmate populations: detention (i.e., jail) and furlough (prison felons re-entering the Maui community) into two separate compounds at the Pu'unene site; however, sharing "core functions" such as laundry, food service, etc.

> Progress has been made along other development fronts including: site identification and selection; environmental analysis and assessment; land-use issue identification and processing; off-site utility resource availability; etc.

DAGS and PSD believe that completion of the initial phase of development should occur around December 2010. A significant concern of the development is accessibility to a potable water source to meet the anticipated demand of the replacement facility.

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2 Listing of challenges and issues pertinent to development of the Pu'unene project;

PSD and DAGS have met with officials of the County of Maui on several occasions over the years and found support and cooperation not only from them but from the community as well.

As mentioned above, the most pressing problem the development faces is obtaining an adequate supply of potable water for the development. Similarly, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal will present a major challenge. Other issues of concern include the processes associated with land-use and zoning actions that must be taken.

The issues and challenges associate with development at the Pu'unene site notwithstanding, the size of available 38-acre parcel at Pu'unene will enable the development of a sensible design solution that is both cost-effective while at the same time will allow for future expansion. This is not an option at the space-limited, 6-acre Wailuku site of the existing Maui Community Correctional Center.

3 Funding concerns associated with the Pu'unene project;

PSD and DAGS are exploring creative "out of the box" ways of financing the costs associated with the development of the replacement complex at Pu'unene. One avenue being studied is the possibility of "outsourcing" the development (and operation) of the "furlough program" component to a "public/private partnership".

Development (and operation) of the "Detention" component will be the responsibility of the State. We intend to use the funding already authorized, coupled with the federal VOI/TIS funds to develop the first increment of this component at the Pu'unene site. Future funding requests will be forthcoming to underwrite successive expansion of this component.

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4 Proposed legislation, if necessary; and

No new substantive legislation is considered necessary. Legislatively-approved appropriations may be needed to underwrite subsequent development of additional housing and support functions as well as site and infrastructural improvements.

5 Other factors relevant to the completion of the Pu'unene project.

Receiving an assurance of a domestic water allocation of sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the new replacement facility at the Pu'unene site will also weigh heavily on the success of the project

Adequate funding from all potential sources to fully complete the project must be identified and secured. Given the current levels of funding from federal and state sources authorized to date, the scope of the project will be tailored to fit within current constraints.

The 35-acre parcel of land close to Mokulele Highway will need to be acquired. Landuse and zoning approvals will require working with both State and County of Maui agencies.