



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2016 LEGISLATURE

**CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT  
COMMISSION REPORT TO THE 2016 LEGISLATURE**

**Hawaii Revised Statutes 353-F2**

December 2015

## INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared in compliance with Section 353 F-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Legislature, created a commission to establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility and to formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility. Inasmuch, the corrections population management commission was established (hereinafter “the Commission” or “CPMC”). The Commission was administratively attached to the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and the membership was amended in 2013. The Commission was tasked with:

**[\$353F-3] Recommendations.** The commission shall recommend to the appropriate authorities, cost-effective mechanisms, legislation, and policies to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the limits established pursuant to section 353F-2. These recommendations shall include estimates of fiscal impact. In addition, the commission shall consider and make recommendations on the following to the appropriate authorities:

- (1) Strategies for the management of projected growth in the inmate population;
- (2) Bail and other pretrial release programs;
- (3) Legislation relating to sentencing;
- (4) Judicial sentencing policies;
- (5) Intermediate punishments and other alternatives to incarceration;
- (6) Probation programs;
- (7) Inmate classification systems;
- (8) Reintegration and treatment programs for inmates;
- (9) Paroling policies and supervision programs; and
- (10) Future construction of correctional facilities. [L 1993, c 343, pt of §2]

## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CPMC last achieved quorum on January 9, 2013, at which time, no recommendations were made to PSD. The new Administration had many new appointments to make, beginning with the Governor’s cabinet in the 2015 Legislative session. The process of appointing board members and commissioners followed and continues at the present time. Luckily, CPMC had several holdover commissioners, and we were able to convene meetings on both August 14, 2015 and December 11, 2015. Unfortunately, there was no quorum at the August meeting, and while we believed there was quorum at the December meeting, this was not the case, as one of the new commissioners had not actually been appointed by the Governor. Business conducted at the December meeting was therefore, nullified. We recently received word that the Governor had made the last appointment needed to complete the CPMC, and we are hopeful that quorum will be established at the next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2016.