



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

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**Return of Out-of-State Inmates**

The 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 must have completed all recommended programs, have misconduct-free records, and minimum custody status.

From November 2015 to October 2016, PSD brought 213 qualified inmates back to Hawaii for parole, Sex Offender Treatment program, or participation in work furlough.

The following table shows the numbers of inmates who are within 1 year of their parole hearing date and have not been returned in 2016:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e., refusal to participate in programs, termination of programs)	234
High/Greatest category misconducts within the last 18 months	263
Escape history within the past 7 years that precludes minimum custody housing	61
Detainers (i.e., Immigration, Federal, State) that preclude minimum custody housing	28
Refusal to participate in work furlough programs & parole; want to max out	50
Pending parole release to a state other than Hawaii (Interstate)	24
Pending available bed space at furlough program	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750</b>

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, as we continue to strive to achieve the goals and objectives of Act 8.

PSD reopened the Kulani Correctional Facility located on the Big Island in July 2014. An additional 200 minimum custody bed spaces came online to help reduce the population within the private Mainland prisons. The 2013 increase of bed space to 216 beds from 96 at the work furlough program at the Oahu Community Correctional Center continues to assist in 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 qualified inmates to Hawaii within a year of their tentative parole date.