



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2018 LEGISLATURE**

**IN RESPONSE TO HAWAII'S REVISED STATUTES 353-F2
CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT
COMMISSION**

December 2017

INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared in compliance with Section 353 F-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Legislature created the Corrections Population Management Commission (hereinafter “the Commission” or “CPMC”) in the 1993 Session (Act 343) 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. The Commission is administratively attached to the Department of Public Safety (PSD). The statute related to its composition was last amended in the 2013 Session. 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. [L1993, c 343, pt of §2]

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No changes were made to the composition of the Commission in 2017, although one Governor-appointed position remains vacant. This position must be someone “from the public who is knowledgeable on issues relating to the criminal justice system and has substantial experience or expertise in traditional Native Hawaiian Practices.”

At the Commission meeting on May 11, 2017, the project consultant, Architects Hawai'i, Limited (“AHL”), presented a detailed progress report of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (“OCCC”) redevelopment project, which is projected to significantly improve conditions for both male and female populations at the facility. Although the Commissioners’ response was favorable, no recommendations were made to the Department at this meeting.

In 2017, other meetings were scheduled but none achieved quorum.