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UPDATE ON FUTURE OF OCCC SCHEDULED FOR KALIHI PALAMA, AIEA, MILILANI MAUKA/LAUNANI VALLEY, WAHIAWA, AND KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 2017

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) is committed to openness and inclusiveness throughout the planning process for the new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) and is continuing its outreach efforts at these upcoming neighborhood board meetings:

- **September 11, 2017: Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20**
Aiea Public Library, 99-374 Pohai Place
Board convenes at 7:30 p.m.
- **September 18, 2017: Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26**
Wahiawa District Park, Halekoa Building, 1139-A, Kilani Avenue
Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 19, 2017: Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35**
Mililani Mauka Elementary School, 95-111 Makaikai Street
Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 20, 2017: Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15**
Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King Street
Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.
- **October 5, 2017: Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31**
Kailua Recreation Center, 21 South Kainalu Drive
Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.

OCCC is outdated, overcrowded, and in dire need of replacement. From its beginning in 1975 as part of the county-based community corrections system with 456 beds, the facility has been expanded to its current operational capacity of 954 beds and consistently operates above this capacity. With increasingly aged and obsolete correctional facilities, PSD is proposing to improve its corrections infrastructure through modernization of existing facilities and construction of new institutions to replace others. Among its priority projects is the replacement of OCCC which, when constructed, will

take advantage of the newest cost-savings technologies and improve correctional services and safety for inmates, staff and the public.

Four alternative sites are under active consideration for development of a replacement OCCC: the existing OCCC site in Kalihi, the Animal Quarantine Facility and Halawa Correctional Facility sites located in Halawa, and the Mililani Technology Park in Mililani. Plans are to also relocate female inmates from OCCC to the Women's Community Correctional Center located in Kailua in order to provide female inmates greater access to rehabilitation programs and improved family visitation. Information concerning the OCCC project is available at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans>.

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