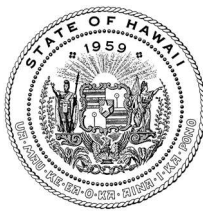


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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Hawaii State Legislature
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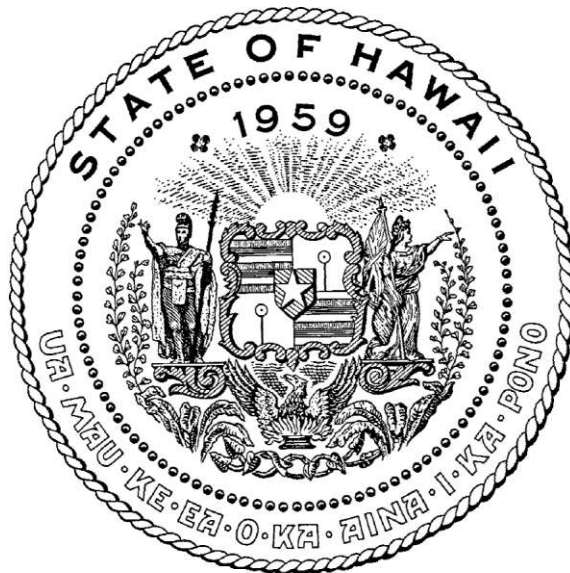
Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature,

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Report on the Return of Out-of-State Inmates, as required by Section 353H-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <https://dcr.hawaii.gov/publications/reports-to-legislature/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Tommy Johnson".

Tommy Johnson
Director



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
REPORT TO THE 2026 STATE LEGISLATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RETURN
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Pursuant to Section 353H-7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes**

DECEMBER 2025

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RETURN OF OUT-OF-STATE INMATES
Pursuant to Section 353H-7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) continues to make every effort to comply with the requirement in section 353H-7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) to return inmates housed in contracted private facilities on the mainland within one year of their parole or release date. DCR has implemented screening mechanisms to ensure that qualified inmates are returned to Hawai'i's correctional facilities in a timely manner. Qualified inmates are measured by the completion of all recommended programs, misconduct-free records, and minimum custody levels.

In Calendar Year 2025, DCR brought 139 qualified inmates back to Hawai'i for parole, Sex Offender Treatment program or work furlough participation. The previous count in January 2025 of 938 inmates has decreased to 799 inmates housed at out-of-state facilities in December 2025.

The following table shows the inmates that are within one year of their parole hearing date and have not been returned in 2025:

Non-compliance in programs (i.e. refuse programs, termination of programs) resulting in medium custody.	72
High/Greatest category misconducts within last 18 months resulting in medium custody.	165
Escape history within past 7 years from community/ minimum custody facility, resulting in higher custody level.	7
Detainers (i.e. Immigration, Federal, State) that precludes minimum custody housing.	29
Refuse work furlough programs and parole; wants to max out resulting in medium custody	72
Pending parole release to another state other than Hawai'i (Interstate).	1
TOTAL:	346

DCR will continue its proactive approach to return its qualified inmates back to Hawai'i within one year of their tentative parole date/maximum date to achieve the goals and objectives of §353H-7, HRS.