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Aloha,

In 2022, Department of Public Safety (PSD) initiated a partnership with the University of Hawai'i Community Design Center (UHCDC) to engage stakeholders and community members around Oahu regarding alternative visions for the proposed new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). Through this partnership, we are researching programs and practices in corrections aimed at rehabilitation, proven reentry strategies, and restorative justice, especially for Indigenous and/or other racial/ethnic populations. Our goal is to collectively define a cross-jurisdictional pathway toward criminal justice reform and a continuum of care and support in Hawai'i.

UHCDC will be reaching out to schedule a meeting with you or your designee(s) to gather your agency's perspective. On behalf of PSD, we kindly ask for your time and participation in this process to discuss paths forward.

If you would like to designate someone to attend, please provide name(s) and email contact(s). Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Wayne Takara, our Chief Planner at wayne.j.takara@hawaii.gov.

Very truly yours,


Tommy Johnson
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