



2024-2025 Strategic Plan

Hawaii Correctional System
Oversight Commission
November 16, 2024

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Mandate

Per the HRS §353L, the Commission has four core functions:

1) *Oversee the State's correctional system and have jurisdiction over investigating complaints at correctional facilities and facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.*

HRS § 353L-3(b)(1) (2019)

Oversee the State's correctional system.

- This work involves routine inspections, data collection and synthesis, and public reporting on correctional institutions and the Department of Public Safety (PSD).

Investigating complaints at correctional facilities.

- Although the Commission doesn't yet have the resources necessary to investigate individual complaints, the Commission accepts complaints to inform system-wide monitoring processes to identify and address systemic issues within Hawaii's correctional system.

Facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.

- Given the preamble to Act 179 of 2019, focusing on rehabilitative and therapeutic practices is the core of the Commission's mission and efforts.



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2) *Establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility and formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility.*

HRS § 353L-3(b)(2) (2019)

Establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility

- This work falls within the Commission's agency-wide agency strategic plan and sets limits based on the American Correctional Association (ACA) and established federal standards to promote safety and health.

Formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility.

- This serves as the basis for the Commission's diversion and reentry work.

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3) *Work with the department of public safety in monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's oversight of parolees. The commission may make recommendations to the department of public safety, the Hawaii paroling authority, and the legislature regarding reentry and parole services.*

HRS § 353L-3(b)(3) (2019)

Work with the department of public safety in monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's oversight of parolees.

- The Commission's focus on monitoring and reviewing the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program will be specific to the defined requirements outlined in HRS 353H, the transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model, and the specific needs of the population the program, service, or agency serves.

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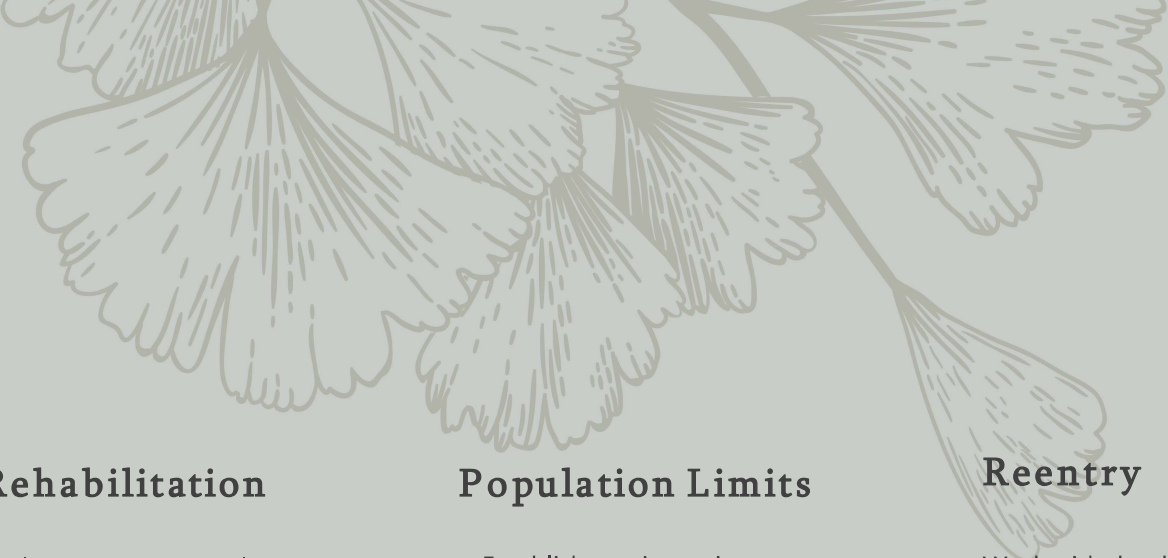
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4) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system under chapter 353H is working properly to provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the minimum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.

HRS § 353L-3(b)(4) (2019) (2019)

- The Commission will assess whether the established performance indicators and requirements from the 353H are being fulfilled and the extent to which the programs and services offered result in timely release at minimums.

HCSOC Strategic Priorities



Oversight

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Rehabilitation

Facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.

Population Limits

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Reentry

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Guideposts

Standards and principles the Commission will use to guide their inquiry into Reentry and Diversion

Applicable Legislation

- *HRS §353, Reentry and diversion specific legislative measures, including Senate and House Concurrent Resolutions*

Standards for Corrections

- *ACA, Federal Standards, Generally accepted practices*

Organizational Policies and Statements

- *Policies, Procedures, and other documents, Stakeholder Mission and Values statements*

Facilitating a Correctional System Transition to a Rehabilitative and Therapeutic Model

- *HCR 85 Task Force Report, Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force Report, Recommendation and Action Plan for a Better Jail, Best Practices and ongoing study.*



Rehabilitation

Facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.

Objective 1:

Identify the system-wide and individual needs of people in custody—a profile of the population—and assess whether PSD offerings align with the populations needs.

Objective 2:

Identify opportunities for more effective movement throughout the system.



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Objective 1:

Collaborate with criminal justice and community partners to further diversion efforts and decrease the Hawaii jail populations.

Objective 2:

Recommend strategies based on data to divert and deflect more people from any criminal justice involvement.

Objective 3:

Report on the status, success, and implementation of any diversion-specific legislative efforts.



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Objective 2:

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Objective 3:

Report on the status, success, and implementation of reentry-specific legislative efforts.

Objective 4:

Utilize the HCSOC's System-Wide Assessment to determine what programs and treatments best serve the population's needs to achieve rehabilitation.



Oversight

Oversee the State's correctional system and have jurisdiction over investigating complaints at correctional facilities.

Objective 1:

Report facility-specific reentry efforts, including best practices and recommendations.

Objective 2:

Highlight what is most important to people impacted by the system and those with the greatest opportunity to influence change.

Objective 3:

Serve as a resource and work with PSD and HPA to review applicable policies and procedures, handbooks, and staff training related to reentry to better align with a therapeutic and rehabilitative model.



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