



HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

2023 Annual Report

Norway Trip	Legislative Taskforce	HCR85 Taskforce Report	Act 179	Commission Convenes	First Oversight Coordinator hired
2015	2015	2018	2019	2020	2022
Justice Michael Wilson, Robert Merce, Gregg Takayama (then chair of the House Committee on Corrections, Military & Veterans), Bert Matsumoto (then chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority), and James Hirano (then Warden of MCCC) visited Norwegian correctional facilities and met with correctional experts from Norway, Sweden, Ireland, and England	After the trip to Norway, the group created a taskforce. The taskforce found that Hawaii's correctional system is not producing acceptable, cost-effective, or sustainable outcomes and needs immediate and profound change.	Creating a Correctional Oversight Commission was one of the key recommendations of the HCR 85 Task Force's final report to the 2019 Legislature.	HB 1552 (2019) incorporated the Task Force's oversight recommendations and became law in 2019 as Act 179.	The Commissioners Mark Patterson (Chair), Ted Sakai, Martha Torney, Judge Ronald Ibarra, and Judge Michael Town began meeting monthly and continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic.	In July 2022, the first staff for the Commission was hired (Oversight Coordinator).

HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION

Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission Timeline

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Mark
Patterson

Chair - OHA Designee

Ron Ibarra

Commissioner - Chief Justice
Designee

Martha
Torney

Commissioner - House
Speaker Designee

Mike Town

Commissioner - Senate
President Designee

Vacant

Commissioner - Governor
Designee

Christin
Johnson

Oversight Coordinator

George
Choe

Special Assistant

Cara
Compani

Reentry and Diversion
Oversight Specialist



POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

Hawaii Revised Statute 353L-3

Investigate

- 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

Set Population Limits

- 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.

Monitor Reentry

- 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.

Oversee Reentry

- 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 maximum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.

OVERSIGHT & PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Public Meetings

- 16 public meetings
 - Monthly Meetings
 - Facility-Specific Meeting
 - Community Talk Stories

Public Reporting

- 17 Deaths in Custody
- 23 Public Reports
 - 12 Monthly Reports
 - 2 Strategic Plans
 - 8 Facility-Specific Reports
- 1 Year-In-Review

In the Media

- 33 Media Articles
- 1 Press Release

35 Facility Visits

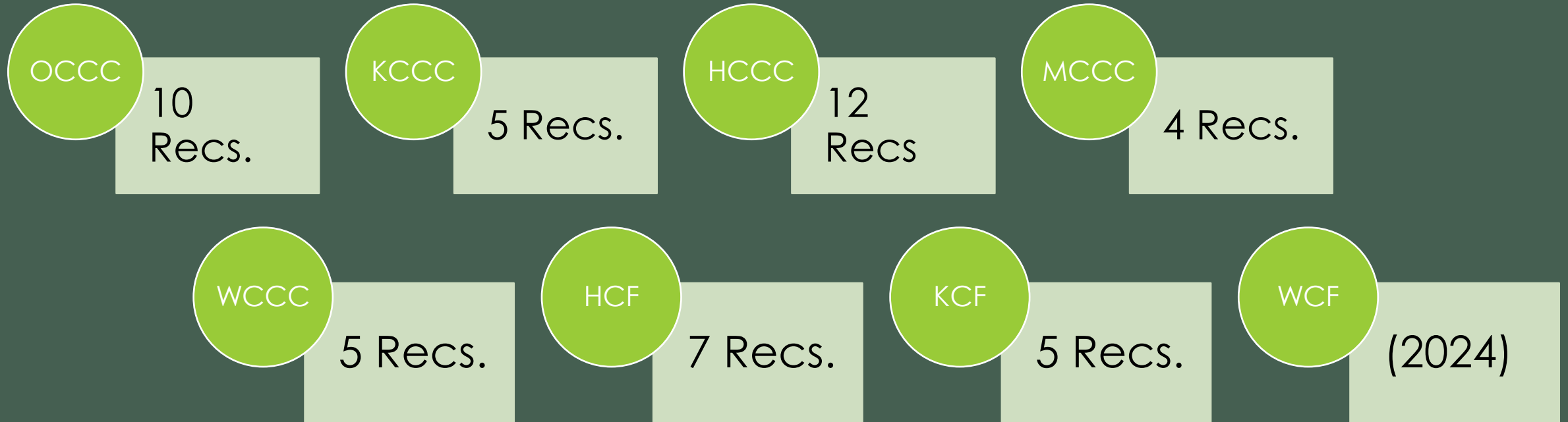
Notable Facility Tours

- OCCC Tour with Supreme Court Judges
- HCCC Tour with Hawaii County Prosecutor's Office
- Halawa and OCCC Tour with Senate
- HCCC Tour with House Members
- Saguaro Tour with Senate
- OCCC Tour with Amend
- Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility Tour

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TOURS

FACILITY-SPECIFIC ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS

48 recs from facility-specific repots, 4 recs from letters to DCR.



A NEW FOCUS TOWARDS REENTRY

Reentry and Diversion Strategic Plan



Review of Women's Court Proceedings



First Circuit Jail Diversion Program Meetings



Housing Consortium Meetings



Review of Parole Hearing Process

CONFERENCES

Prison and Jail
Innovation Lab 2023
Conference

Sequential Intercept
Model Mapping
Workshop

National Association
on Sentencing
Commissions 2023
Conference

Going Home Hawai'i
Reentry and
Restoration Summit

Breaking Cycles: Re-
Envisioning A Health,
Housing, And
Corrections
Continuum

National Association
of Civilian Oversight
of Law Enforcement
(NACOLE) 2023
Conference

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Oversight

Rehabilitation

Population Limits

Reentry

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



FUNDING



REVISIONS TO 353L



HCR23 TASK FORCE

PROJECT UPDATES

Case
Management
System

Correctional
Staff-Focused
Survey and
Report



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