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May 22, 2023

Mr. Mark Patterson  
Chairperson  
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission  
235 S. Beretania Street, 16th Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I transmit herewith a copy of Senate Resolution No. 82, which was adopted by the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.

Sincerely,

CAROL TANIGUCHI  
Clerk of the Senate

Enclosure

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
THE LEGISLATURE DETAILING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS IN  
ASSISTING INMATES IN OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been working to facilitate the  
2 reentry of returning citizens back to their families and  
3 communities after exiting incarceration; and  
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5 WHEREAS, past legislatures have appropriated funds to the  
6 Department of Public Safety to start the process of reentry by  
7 ensuring that everyone who is released from incarceration has a  
8 valid identification card; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety is transitioning  
11 to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model; and  
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13 WHEREAS, ensuring that persons exiting incarceration are  
14 released with a valid identification card will facilitate their  
15 reentry; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the use of public funds allocated for ensuring  
18 that each person is released from incarceration with a valid  
19 identification card should be public information; and  
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21 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Legislature appropriated \$25,000 to  
22 the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of creating  
23 identification cards for inmates; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety encountered  
26 problems with the implementation of the 2016 program; and  
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28 WHEREAS, in 2022 the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to  
29 the Department of Public Safety to purchase machines for data  
30 input at each facility to implement the identification card  
31 program; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
3 that the Department of Public Safety is requested to submit a  
4 report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
5 convening of the Regular Session of 2024 detailing the  
6 Department's process in assisting inmates in obtaining  
7 identification cards; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report is requested to  
10 include:

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12 (1) The number of persons released since identification  
13 cards became available in 2022, or since the  
14 Department of Public Safety began assisting inmates in  
15 obtaining civil identification cards;  
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17 (2) The number of people released with an identification  
18 card that was obtained with the Department of Public  
19 Safety's assistance;  
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21 (3) The number of people who received a free  
22 identification card;  
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24 (4) The number of people who were charged for a valid  
25 identification card and the reasons for the charge;  
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27 (5) Any charges assessed for a valid identification card;  
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29 (6) The criteria necessary to obtain a valid  
30 identification card; and  
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32 (7) An accounting of the funding used to provide  
33 assistance in obtaining valid identification cards;  
34 and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
37 is requested to:

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39 (1) Post the report on the Department's publicly available  
40 website; and  
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1 (2) Provide a copy of the report to the Hawaii  
2 Correctional System Oversight Commission so that the  
3 Commission may post the report on its publicly  
4 available website; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Public  
8 Safety; Chairperson of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight  
9 Commission; Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
10 Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs; and Chair of the House  
11 of Representatives Committee on Corrections, Military, and  
12 Veterans.

I hereby certify that this is a full, true, and  
correct copy of the original filed in this office.

Dated: MAY 15 2023

  
Assistant Clerk of the Senate  
State of Hawai'i



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