



# Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report – March 2025

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## Introduction

In accordance with Chapter §353L-6, the Oversight Coordinator shall submit a monthly report to the Commission, the Governor, and the Legislature. The monthly report shall include actions taken by the Commission and expenses for the preceding month. In addition to the mandated parties this report must be shared with, the Oversight Coordinator publicly posts the monthly report to increase transparency and accountability. This report will also be shared with each individual who has the responsibility of appointing members of the Commission. This includes:

- 1) Governor of Hawaii
- 2) President of the Hawaii Senate
- 3) Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives
- 4) Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice
- 5) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

The Oversight Coordinator monthly reports are released on the first Thursday of each month, covering the previous month, and will be discussed on the second Thursday of each month at the monthly Commission meetings.

## Death in Custody

There have been no reported deaths in custody since February 5, 2025.

## Correctional Facility Tours

Throughout the month of March, the new staff members have been meeting with all the Wardens, Chiefs of Security, and other applicable staff members to better familiarize themselves with the correctional system. The staff have completed initial tours of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC), Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC), Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC), Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC), Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC), and will be touring the Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF) and Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) in April. In the future, a trip will be planned for staff to tour the Saguaro Correctional Facility in Arizona.

Additionally, staff have been meeting with various government stakeholders and community partners as part of their robust orientation to the Hawaii corrections system. Staff have met with more than 25 DCR staff members and stakeholders, including the Chief Prosecutor Steven Alm.

The Commission thanks all DCR staff, stakeholders, and community partners for their time, experience, and expertise they have shared with our team during the onboarding process.

## Events Attended

### *He Ala Hou O Ke Ola Inc.*

On March 27, 2025, Commission staff attended a site visit with David Makilan, founder of He Ala Hou O Ke Ola (HAHOKO). The program supports men transitioning from OCCC by providing stable housing, meals, and a path to recovery and personal development. HAHOKO currently operates five clean and sober homes and offers a structured program at the main facility, where participants can earn their clinical certification upon completion. One of the ongoing challenges HAHOKO faces is securing sustainable funding to continue and expand their efforts. The visit highlighted the importance of community-based reentry programs that provide both practical support and opportunities for personal growth. The Commission thanks David Makilan for his time in highlighting this important program.

### *16th Annual Parole Completion Celebration*

On March 27, 2025, Commissioners and staff attended the 16th Annual Parole Completion Celebration. The Commission's Reentry Oversight Specialist, Kimmy Takata, was honored and recognized at this event for her achievements and the positive impact she has made throughout the State of Hawaii. It was a meaningful moment to celebrate her hard work, dedication, and personal growth. Commissioner Torney and Commissioner Town joined the event alongside friends and supporters from the Governor's Office, making the celebration even more special. Congratulations, Kimmy!



*From left to right: Naomi Leipold, Project Manager, Office of Wellness and Resilience, Kimmy Takata, Reentry Oversight Specialist, HCSOC, and Martha Torney, Commissioner of HCSOC.*

### *Prison and Jail Innovation Lab Peer Learning Community Convening for Prison Oversight Directors*

From March 27-28, 2025, the Oversight Coordinator attended the Peer Learning Community: Director's Convening hosted by the Prison and Jail Innovation Lab in Austin, Texas. This convening brought together thirteen different oversight directors from twelve different states and the District of Columbia. The convening covered navigating

relationships with various stakeholders, measuring effectiveness and sustainability, managing politics and burnout, and navigating general challenges faced in the oversight community. The Coordinator found it extremely helpful to be surrounded by colleagues facing similar challenges and offering solutions, and appreciated the invitation from the Prison and Jail Innovation Lab.

#### *Pou Hana O Na Wahine: Ho'i I Ka Hale*

On March 28, 2025, Commission staff attended Day 2 of the Pou Hana O Na Wahine: Ho'i I Ka Hale Training and Resource Fair focused on preventing and addressing domestic violence. The day featured interactive workshops like 'Ohana Kuleana Mapping and Growing into Change, promoting mentorship, healing, and shared responsibility within families. The training also covered policy and procedure in how to navigate the Hawai'i State Legislature system, which many Native Hawaiians are unfamiliar with. The resource fair also connected attendees with local organizations providing support and advocacy services.

### **Past Meetings**

On March 13, 2025, the Commission hosted its monthly public meeting. All past meeting agendas, video recordings, meeting minutes, and testimonies can be found on our website here: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/2025-meetings/>. All meetings are live streamed on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

## Expenses for the Preceding Months – March

	Cost	Qty	Total	Notes
<b>Office Equipment and Supplies</b>			<b>\$419</b>	
Office Furniture			\$0.00	
General Office Supplies	\$163.19	1.00	\$163.19	Business cards
Staff and Commission Badges			\$0.00	
Staff and Commission Badge Holders			\$0.00	
Cell Phone			\$0.00	
Cell Phone Monthly Plan	\$172.99	1.00	\$172.99	
Wifi Hotspot			\$0.00	
Heroku Monthly Plan - Complaint Management	\$64.99	1.00	\$64.99	
Elastic Cloud Monthly Plan - Complaint Management	\$18.20	1.00	\$18.20	
Other Current Expenditures			\$0.00	
<b>Inter-Island Correctional Facility Travel</b>			<b>\$137.58</b>	
Airfare	\$137.58	1.00	\$137.58	2/13-RI
Car Rental			\$0.00	
Daily Per Diem			\$0.00	
Lodging+Tax			\$0.00	
Ground Transportation			\$0.00	
Airport Parking			\$0.00	
Per Diem - Misc			\$0.00	
<b>Mainland Correctional Facility Travel</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
Airfare			\$0.00	
Car Rental			\$0.00	
Daily Per Diem			\$0.00	
Lodging+Tax			\$0.00	
Ground Transportation			\$0.00	
Airport Parking			\$0.00	
<b>Memberships + Conferences</b>			<b>\$25.00</b>	
NACOLE (National Assoc. for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement)			\$0.00	
National Association of Sentencing Commissions			\$0.00	
NACOLE Virtual Training	\$25.00	1.00	\$25.00	2/7-ANJ
Going Home Hawaii Reentry Summit			\$0.00	
Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice			\$0.00	
Airfare			\$0.00	
Car Rental			\$0.00	
Daily Per Diem			\$0.00	
Lodging+Tax			\$0.00	
Ground Transportation			\$0.00	
Airport Parking			\$0.00	
Baggage Fee			\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$581.95</b>	

\* All expenses reflect posted transactions procured

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## Monthly Meetings

This report will be discussed at the monthly Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission meeting held on April 10, 2025. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to occur on May 8, 2025, at the Kaua'i Community College, 3-1901 Kaumuali'i Hwy, Room OCET 106, Lihue, Hawai'i 96766 and online via Zoom. More information can be found on the Commission's webpage here: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/information/>.