



# Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report – April 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.

## Tours

### *Hawaii State Hospital*



On April 15, 2025, Chair Patterson and Commission staff toured the Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) to better understand the overlap between the population incarcerated in the jails and



the population held at the hospital. It was an insightful visit which included a thorough presentation of the population and a tour of the newly constructed hospital. The Commission plans to tour the Hawaii State Hospital collectively in August 2025 after the Commission meeting. The Commission thanks Mark Linscott, Administrator, Terrance Cheung, Chief Strategy Officer, and all HSH staff for their warm welcome and expertise.

#### *HAHOKO Impact Center*

On April 17, 2025, DCR joined Commission staff for a visit to the He Ala Hou O Ke Ola (HAHOKO) program, a nonprofit organization operating as a community reintegration program. HAHOKO provides Clean and Sober Housing, a Therapeutic Living Program, and supportive services for individuals who are justice-involved, homeless, or struggling with addiction and mental health challenges. This visit marked the beginning of a positive connection between DCR and HAHOKO, and the Commission appreciated DCR's collaboration in visiting the program together.

### Events Attended

#### *WCF Keiki Day*

On April 6, 2025, Commission staff attended the Easter Keiki Day event hosted by the Waiawa Correctional Facility in collaboration with Keiki O Ka 'Āina (KOKA) Family Learning Centers. Sixteen fathers, 23 children, six adult children, and 13 caregivers attended the event in addition to nearly a dozen volunteers. During the three-hour event, fathers and their children played activities and games that included soccer, volleyball and tossing a football to one another. Families also decorated egg-and-bunny-shaped sugar cookies, participated in an Easter egg hunt, and took photos with the Easter Bunny.



The Commission congratulates the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on its commitment to hosting 10 successful Keiki Days at the Waiawa Correctional Facility, the Women's Community Correctional Center, the Halawa Correctional Facility, and an upcoming event for the Kulani Correctional Facility.

### *Dismas Charities Honolulu Community Relations Board Meeting*

On April 24, 2025, Commission staff attended the Quarterly Community Relations Board meeting hosted by Dismas Charities in Honolulu. The event brought together federal agencies, community organizations, and reentry partners to share updates, resources, and collaboration opportunities. Key topics included federal reentry efforts, plans for a new reentry facility (on the federal side), and success stories from individuals on probation. The meeting provided valuable insight into the more structured federal reentry system and highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen community support for returning citizens.

## Projects

### *Complaint Management*

After completing a robust orientation to the Hawaii correctional system, Commission staff began the process of building a tracking system to track and monitor more than 200 backlogged letters received from people in custody, DCR staff, and various stakeholders. The tracking system has been optimized for resolving the backlog of letters and helping HCSOC reach operational capacity as quickly as possible. This will ensure people in custody, DCR staff, and stakeholders concerns are met with timely responses. The tracking system has also been designed to be easily integrated with a case management system, which the Commission received funding for fiscal year 2026. This will greatly improve HCSOC's ability to track, monitor, investigate, and respond to incoming complaints.

## Past Meetings

On April 10, 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 Month – April

	Cost	Qty	Total	Notes
<b>Office Equipment and Supplies</b>			<b>\$1,262</b>	
Office Furniture			\$0.00	
General Office Supplies	\$1,061.42	1.00	\$1,061.42	Supplies + Parking Passes
Staff and Commission Badges			\$0.00	
Staff and Commission Badge Holders			\$0.00	
Cell Phone			\$0.00	
Cell Phone Monthly Plan	\$200.74	1.00	\$200.74	
Wifi Hotspot			\$0.00	
Heroku Monthly Plan - Complaint Management			\$0.00	
Elastic Cloud Monthly Plan - Complaint Management			\$0.00	
Other Current Expenditures			\$0.00	
<b>Inter-Island Correctional Facility Travel</b>			<b>\$2,397.87</b>	
Airfare	\$2,200.87	1.00	\$2,200.87	Commission travel
Car Rental	\$76.50	2.00	\$153.00	
Daily Per Diem	\$20.00	1.00	\$20.00	01/09-RI
Lodging+Tax			\$0.00	
Ground Transportation			\$0.00	
Airport Parking	\$24.00	1.00	\$24.00	01/09-RI
Per Diem - Misc			\$0.00	
<b>Mainland Correctional Facility Travel</b>			<b>\$2,665.69</b>	
Airfare	\$915.65	1.00	\$915.65	
Car Rental			\$0.00	
Daily Per Diem	\$884.50	1.00	\$884.50	AZ/TX-MKP
Lodging+Tax	\$784.92	1.00	\$784.92	AZ/TX-MKP
Ground Transportation			\$0.00	
Airport Parking			\$0.00	
Per Diem - Misc	\$80.62	1.00	\$80.62	Baggage Fee-MKP
<b>Memberships + Conferences</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
NACOLE (National Assoc. for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement)			\$0.00	
National Association of Sentencing Commissions			\$0.00	
NACOLE Virtual Training			\$0.00	
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>\$6,325.72</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 May 8, 2025. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to occur on June 12, 2025, at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Avenue, Room Noii 201, Kahului, Hawai'i 96732 and online via Microsoft Teams. More information can be found on the Commission's webpage here: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/information/>.