



# Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report – July 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.

## Deaths in Custody

The last reported death in custody occurred on May 29, 2025.

## Events Attended

### *Basic Corrections Recruit Class Graduation Ceremony*

On July 14, 2025, Commissioner Torney and the Oversight Coordinator attended the graduation ceremony for eight Adult Corrections Officers (ACO) graduating from Basic Corrections Recruit Class at the Island of Hawai'i YMCA in Hilo. The class completed eight weeks of rigorous training. The Commission shares a warm congratulations to all graduates!

Since the department's redesignation from the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) on January 1, 2024, the Department increased its annual recruit classes to six from three, to address the staffing shortage of corrections officers at facilities in Hawai'i. By the end of this year, the Department aims to have eight classes.

There are currently 1,140 filled ACO positions and approximately 380 vacant positions.

### *Dynamic Healing Center*

On July 15, 2025, Commission staff visited the Dynamic Healing Center, met with the director Dr. Annie Anderson, and toured the facility. This program provides culturally grounded, trauma-informed care designed for both men and women in their journeys. In addition to its impactful programming, the center operates two well maintained clean and sober houses in Kalihi and Ewa Beach, offering safe, supportive housing that help bridge the gap between treatment and independent living. The visit allowed staff to observe

effective reentry practices, strengthen community partnerships, and better understand how culturally rooted care supports successful reentry.

#### *Halawa Resource fair*

On July 17, 2025, Commission staff attended the Halawa Correctional Facility resource fair, which hosted about 70 vendors, including Waikiki Health, IHS, HPA, and housing providers, to share resources to help support the men before they transition out. The event was successful, fostering connections between service providers and participants, and strengthening community collaboration to support reentry and improve access to essential services.

#### *Dismas Charities Community Board Meeting*

Dismas Charities hosts regular Community Relations Board meetings at various locations to foster collaboration and communication between the organization and community partners. On July 30, 2025, Commission staff attended the Dismas Community Board meeting, which was filled with valuable resources and opportunities to network with other organizations. Dismas Charities play a critical role in supporting federal individuals transitioning back into the community, and this meeting focused on the importance of self-care for both providers and participants. The session fostered collaboration among agencies, shared practical strategies for wellness, and reinforced the vital link between self-care and effective reentry support.

## **Projects**

#### *Complaint Management*

After recently receiving dedicated funding for a case management system from the legislature, the Commission secured a vendor to ensure a smooth and efficient system for the office. Commission staff are preparing for a 15-week systems integration process, which will involve integrating the case tracking system developed by Commission staff with the newly developed case management system. Once this process is complete, the Commission will be better equipped for tracking, monitoring, investigating, and responding to incoming complaints.

## **Past Meetings**

#### *Monthly Commission Meeting*

On July 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](#).

#### *Meeting to Vote for Necessity of Limited Meeting*

On July 24, 2025, the Commission hosted a public meeting to discuss and vote on the necessity to have a limited meeting and waive the video recording requirements in order for the Commission to collectively tour the Hawaii State Hospital directly following the Commission's August monthly meeting. All past meeting agendas, video recordings, meeting minutes, and testimonies can be found on our website here:

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## Expenses for the Preceding Month – July

Item	Cost	Qty	Total	Description
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
General Office Supplies				
Telephone				
Other Current Expenditures				
Other Current Expenditures				
Other Current Expenditures				
Other Current Expenditures				
<b>Inter-Island Travel</b>			<b>\$130.00</b>	
Airfare				
Car Rental				
Per Diem	\$20.00	4	\$80.00	CMJ, KRT, RI, GC
Lodging				
Transportation - Uber				
Airport Parking	\$25.00	2	\$50.00	CMJ, GC
Baggage Fee				
Miscellaneous				
<b>Mainland Travel</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
Airfare				
Car Rental				
Per Diem				
Lodging				
Transportation				
Airport Parking				
Baggage Fee				
Toll Fee				
Miscellaneous				
<b>Conferences</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
Airfare				
Car Rental				
Per Diem				
Lodging				
Transportation - Uber				
Airport Parking				
Baggage Fee				
Toll Fee				
Miscellaneous				
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$130.00</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 on August 14, 2025. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to occur on September 11, 2025, at Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building, 235 S. Beretania Street, Rom 204, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or online via Microsoft Teams. More information can be found on the Commission's webpage here: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/information>.