



Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Monthly Oversight Coordinator Report – August 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

On August 9, 2025, at approximately 8:46 am, a 63-year-old Asian male in custody was found unresponsive at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). At approximately 8:55am, on-site medical staff responded and administered CPR. At approximately 9:11am, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel arrived and continued CPR. The patient appeared to regain a pulse and was transported to Queens medical hospital. On August 11, 2025, at approximately 4:20pm, medical staff at the hospital pronounced the patient deceased with the family present. The incident appears to be a suicide. The medical examiner will determine the official cause of death following an autopsy, which can include toxicology testing.

Tours

Hawaii State Hospital

On August 14, 2025, directly following the monthly Commission meeting, Chair Patterson, Commissioner Browning, Commissioner Torney, the Oversight Coordinator and staff attended a tour of the Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) hosted by Hawaii State Hospital Administrator, Mark Linscott. Dr. Michael Champion, Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System, also accompanied the Commission on the tour. The tour was extremely helpful in understanding how mental health intersects with the justice system, and the care offered by the state hospital. The Commission would like to thank Mark Linscott, HSH Administrator for his invitation and hospitality, and Dr. Meghan Brearty for presenting during the August Commission meeting.

Events Attended

Women's Community Correctional Center Ho'ike

On August 14, 2025, HCSOC staff attended the WCCC Ho'ike (exhibition, display, or performance) in the Maunawili courtyard. The women of WCCC showcased their talents through hula, faiva hiva (Tongan song and dance), and Samoan dance. The Total Life Recovery program also performed a powerful sign dance. The event, "E ola ka inoa: In the name of our ancestors, we rise", highlighted cultural pride, identity, and transformation, reflecting the hard work of the people in custody and staff who made this possible. The event was a showcase of programs, culture and achievements by the women of WCCC.

Waiawa Correctional Facility Resource Fair

On August 28, 2025, Commission staff attended the Waiawa Correctional Facility Resource Fair, which brought together more than 23 vendors providing services related to housing, employment, child support, and reentry. Organizations such as the Institute for Human Services (HIS), Behavioral Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), Department of Health (DOH), and many others offered a wide range of support and information. Over 150 men in custody participated in the fair, many of whom shared that receiving these resources gave them a greater sense of ease and hope as they prepare for their transition out of Waiawa.

Sequential Intercept Model

On August 22, 2025, Commission staff attended the DCR's Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) meeting in Hilo, Hawai'i. The meeting was designed to build on a working model largely developed by Going Home Hawai'i, and focused on intercepts 2 – 4. Community partners and stakeholders including but not limited to United Healthcare, the Hawai'i County Prosecutor's Office, Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Ohana Health Plan, Hope Services Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Community Correctional Center (HCCC) Warden and staff formed working groups to identify services and resources that can be collaboratively leveraged to serve people with mental health and substance abuse issues on the Island of Hawai'i.

The Commission is encouraged to learn that the DCR has drafted a timeline for synthesizing the input from the meeting's attendees with the intent of implementing a SIM that serves the unique needs of the Island of Hawai'i. DCR intends to hold additional events to gather more information from new and previous attendees to make the model as complete and ready for success as possible. DCR is hopeful that the model can be expanded and customized to meet the unique needs of neighboring islands.

The public can learn more about the SIM by visiting Going Home Hawaii's website at www.goinghomehawaii.org.

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 August 14, 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 – August

Item	Cost	Qty	Total	Description
Operating Expenses			\$2,451.74	
General Office Supplies	\$91.08	1	\$91.08	
Telephone	\$217.24	1	\$217.24	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$500.00	1	\$500.00	NACOLE Membership Renewal
Printing and Binding	\$209.42	1	\$209.42	Marketing Connections
Printing and Binding	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	Artsmart LLC
Other Current Expenditures	\$434.00	1	\$434.00	ACA Publications
Inter-Island Travel			\$1,538.95	
Airfare - CMJ	\$166.09	2	\$332.18	6/26, 7/14
Airfare - MKP	\$166.09	1	\$166.09	6/26
Airfare - MTT	\$166.09	1	\$166.09	6/26
Airfare - KRT	\$166.09	1	\$166.09	6/26
Airfare - GC	\$166.09	1	\$166.09	6/26
Airfare - RI	\$147.11	1	\$147.11	6/26
Airfare - RI	\$151.84	1	\$151.84	7/10
Airfare - RI	-\$151.54	1	-\$151.54	7/10-Refund
Airfare - ANJ	\$179.05	1	\$179.05	6/26
Airfare - ANJ	-\$179.05	1	-\$179.05	6/26 Refund
Airfare - RMB	\$179.05	1	\$179.05	6/26
Airfare - RMB	-\$179.05	1	-\$179.05	6/26 Refund
Car Rental - GC	\$76.50	1	\$76.50	6/26
Car Rental - KRT	\$115.50	1	\$115.50	6/26
Per Diem - MTT	\$20.00	2	\$40.00	6/26, 7/14
Per Diem - MKP	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	6/26
Per Diem - CMJ	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	7/14
Per Diem - RI	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	6/30
Parking - MTT	\$25.00	1	\$25.00	6/26
Parking - MTT	\$27.00	1	\$27.00	7/14
Parking - RI	\$24.00	1	\$24.00	6/30
Parking - CMJ	\$27.00	1	\$27.00	7/14
Mainland Travel			\$0.00	
Conferences			\$0.00	
TOTAL			\$3,990.69	

** 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 September 11, 2025. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to occur on October 9, 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>.