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Mike Town (retired judge): Morning!

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00:00:35.590 --> 00:00:36.640  
Mike Town (retired judge): Good morning!

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Tommy Johnson: Good morning.

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00:00:39.880 --> 00:00:41.290  
Mike Town (retired judge): Hey. Hey, Tommy.

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Tommy Johnson: Hi, how you doing?

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Mike Town (retired judge): Alright.

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Tommy Johnson: Good.

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Mike Town (retired judge): I'm multitasking, Tommy. I'm mediating and overseeing.

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Tommy Johnson: I'm multitasking.

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Tommy Johnson: Yeah.

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Mike Town (retired judge): That's a mistake.

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Tommy Johnson: That's how we do.

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Tommy Johnson: We have a lot to do. So, how you doing? I haven't talked to you in a while.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Doing fine. My son-in-law, Colonel Coveo, he might have to retire, but that's okay. He has 5 tours.

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Tommy Johnson: Oh, that's enough.

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Mike Town (retired judge): That's enough.

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Tommy Johnson: Oh yeah, for sure.

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Tommy Johnson: Well, we have 400-plus vacancies, so...

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Tommy Johnson: We have a Champion of Change policy of Champion of Change campaign to fill our vacancy, so if he wants to make positive changes to our correctional system.

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Mike Town (retired judge): He'd be honored. He's... he has... he has all that background.

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Tommy Johnson: Good, good.

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Mike Town (retired judge): He has a special ops background, I shouldn't say it out loud, but he does.

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Tommy Johnson: It's all good, we could use... we could use his talents, trust me.

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Tommy Johnson: Is he gonna stay here in Hawaii?

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Mike Town (retired judge): Well, the three boys live with us, put it that way. And the boys go to St. Louis, so they're very... maybe they'll be quarterbacks.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Whoa.

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Tommy Johnson: Whoa.

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Tommy Johnson: That's good.

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HCSOC: Okay. Good morning, everyone.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Morning!

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HCSOC: Aloha, and welcome to this morning, February 12, 2026 meeting of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Thank you, Commissioners, for being here. I'll just do a quick call to order as we bring this meeting to order. Mike Towne, I see you on Zoom.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Gear?

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HCSOC: Yep.

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HCSOC: Martha Turnay? Here. Mark Brown? Here. Ron Barra? Here. And myself, Mark Paddocks, and all commissioners are present for this meeting, as well as the Oversight coordinator and the staff.

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HCSOC: Let's look at the, I'll take a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Toumu.

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HCSOC: Second. It's been moved by Mark Browning and seconded by Ronnie Barrow that the minutes for the January 8, 2026 meeting be accepted.

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HCSOC: Any for any discussion?

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HCSOC: Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Aye.

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HCSOC: All opposed, same.

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HCSOC: Motion passed.

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HCSOC: Okay, moving right along to Agenda item number 4.

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HCSOC: Morning, Tommy. How you doing?

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Tommy Johnson: Pretty good.

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Tommy Johnson: Pretty good.

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HCSOC: Give you the floor at this time.

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Tommy Johnson: Okay.

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Tommy Johnson: We don't have any updates for the OCCC project, but I did want to let the Commission know we're looking at a couple of changes in the facilities.

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Tommy Johnson: We were getting, last year, a lot of mail.

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Tommy Johnson: That was soaked in chemicals, and that's how spice and some of the drugs were getting into the facilities.

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Tommy Johnson: So, we bought these mail detection machines where we send the mail through the machines, and the machines detect anomalies in the mail, the weight, things like that.

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Tommy Johnson: Now, though.

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Tommy Johnson: Someone out there has gotten smart, and instead of putting it in the paper, the drugs are being placed in the toner, the ink itself.

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Tommy Johnson: So that makes it harder to detect for us.

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Tommy Johnson: So we're looking at the possibility of Xeroxing all of the incoming mail, and providing the recipient with the Xerox copies of the mail, and then destroying the original

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Tommy Johnson: We do have to do some more research with respect to the legal mail aspect, how that would work.

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Tommy Johnson: So I thought I'd let you guys know. The second thing is...

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Tommy Johnson: We're also looking at, because our facility is so old and antiquated, and there... we cannot retrofit, you know, cameras in every cell, like some of the,

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Tommy Johnson: Some of the newer facilities on the mainland have.

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Tommy Johnson: So in order to address the issue of assaults and suicides, we're looking at biotype anklets that will let us know when someone's heart rate is up, respiration rate is up.

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Tommy Johnson: pulses increase, things like that. Now.

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Tommy Johnson: They very well could be exercising or doing other stuff, but at least if we're able to

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Tommy Johnson: Pilot that project initially to see how it works and put the anklets on the higher-risk population based on assessment.

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Tommy Johnson: then I think we would be able to then detect

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Tommy Johnson: some of the assaults, and maybe address them, because we have a lot of nooks and crannies in places like OCCC. If you've been there to Annex 2 upstairs, in the shower areas, over in the corners, Halava's the same way, that, we can detect some

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Tommy Johnson: when the person's under duress, and then send corrections officers to that location immediately. So we're looking at that as a pilot project, both of those things, just to give you a heads up.

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Tommy Johnson: We did not go in and ask for funding, this year for it, because I think we may have enough funding to start the pilot ourselves.

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Tommy Johnson: So I just want to let you guys know, that, so...

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Tommy Johnson: I'll be working more with Christian on it, because she gave me some information before about some other initiatives on the mainland we're going to take a look at as well.

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Tommy Johnson: Other than that, there are no updates to OCCC. There are a couple of bills moving forward in the legislature that were part of the administration's package that we asked for. One was the increase to 7 from 300... from the \$600,000 to remove the 7 cap.

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Tommy Johnson: There's another bill... that would eliminate fees for inmates for the telephone calls. The problem with that bill is

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Tommy Johnson: The state then would have to fund those 7 positions, and the operating costs for 7

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Tommy Johnson: Because we would not be able to take the \$200,000 we currently get annually from the telephone system.

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HCSOC: to apply to 7.

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Tommy Johnson: And the 4% commissary charge that we have to support 7 isn't enough

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Tommy Johnson: To support the SAVIN program. So, two different things going. The bill to remove the cap from SAVIN, the \$600,000,

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Tommy Johnson: and the bill to address the telephone issue. So, we'll be working with Representative Bellotti and legislators on what that cost would look like for the taxpayer with respect to funding the operations and the positions for SAVIN. And the 4% commissary, though, would then be used

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Tommy Johnson: to pay for the annual APRIS, contract for the SAVIN project, and also for any type of

outreach for the SAVIN program.

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Tommy Johnson: The other bill that, we wrote, that the governor introduced, just adds corrections officers to the list of first responders who would be eligible for counseling.

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Tommy Johnson: And it's actually correctional workers, because we have case managers and medical staff that come upon emergencies in the facilities and may be traumatized by that. That bill is moving forward,

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Tommy Johnson: So far, just technical amendments were made to the bill.

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Tommy Johnson: Same thing with the... with the SAVIN, cap removal, just technical amendments. And that's it so far.

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Tommy Johnson: We...

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Tommy Johnson: We don't have anything to report for the other facilities, because there's really nothing major going on. I did ask the facilities to provide me with a list of any type of damage from the recent wind and rain.

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Tommy Johnson: The only facility that may have some type of damage was Oyava so far, because the, the wind took out, a lot of the trees in the valley, and so as a result of those trees going down, the power went out at Oyava for almost a full day.

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Tommy Johnson: And so we're waiting for estimates from HECO, and then we will then provide that to the governor's office and to HIEMA to try to seek reimbursement for those costs.

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Tommy Johnson: Other than that, so far, no other facilities have reported any type of, Wind or rain damage.

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Tommy Johnson: Great.

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Tommy Johnson: That's all I have.

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HCSOC: Commissioners, any questions? Go ahead.

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HCSOC: Tommy, I want to talk about the biotype anklet you were bringing up.

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HCSOC: I've never heard of this before, but

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HCSOC: Commonly used throughout correctional facilities, putting anklets on inmates?

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Tommy Johnson: It's used in some correctional facilities for high-risk inmates who are suicidal on safety watch.

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Tommy Johnson: So... our jurisdiction is so small, we haven't... we have what I think, Martha, to be honest with you, is

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Tommy Johnson: A higher number of violent incidents of either suicide or assaults and murders in our

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Tommy Johnson: prisons, a lot of it is due to sometimes the inmates are locked down for extended periods of time. The conditions of the facilities are not that great, as you know. So I'm trying to look at anything, any way out there that we can try to look at saving lives and trying to reduce the number of assaults.

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Tommy Johnson: If the Commission has any other ideas, I'd be glad to entertain them.

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HCSOC: Because the goal for us is to reduce the number of assaults.

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Tommy Johnson: Reduce the number of suicides to zero, and to certainly reduce the number of murders to zero as well.

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HCSOC: Okay, Tommy, I can definitely see that this could have a use for people who are currently on suicide watch. Right. To better monitor that. What I'm very concerned about is expanding this to anybody who might potentially be assaulted. That could be any inmate.

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HCSOC: I don't... I don't understand how it would assist with that.

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Tommy Johnson: Well, the thinking is we do a pilot project with the high-risk inmates first, right? Those that are on safety watch and suicide watch, and maybe those that may have mental health issues, that may have expressed suicidal ideations previously, or attempted suicide in the past.

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Tommy Johnson: That would be the, kind of the pilot.

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Tommy Johnson: If it worked and we're able to reduce assaults

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Tommy Johnson: Via the... we receive the alert, the central control, we send it... we send the staff there immediately.

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Tommy Johnson: they're able to stop the assault, then we would look at, do we need to then expand that out? I didn't say we would do it for every inmate, but I'm trying to figure out anything we can to reduce the number of assaults and the suicides in our facilities.

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HCSOC: The suicides, I can see. The other ones, I'm very concerned about.

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Tommy Johnson: Okay.

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HCSOC: No further questions?

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HCSOC: Becky, Tommy.

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Tommy Johnson: Welcome.

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HCSOC: Yep.

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HCSOC: Move on to item number 5, the overview of our Commission's legislative priorities.

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HCSOC: Christy. Morning. Morning. Good morning, everybody. Last week, Thursday, on February 5th, the Commission held its annual, kind of legislative priorities meeting, where our amazing Commissioner, Martha Torney, went through

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HCSOC: every single bill that was posted and kind of pulled out all bills related to corrections, sometimes the criminal justice as a whole, basically anything the Commission may be interested in. The Commission went through, every bill and discussed and voted on which bills to support, not support, comment on, or just completely pass on. The Commission has taken on, I believe it's 35 bills.

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HCSOC: This session, so thank you all.

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HCSOC: For that, and so far, we have submitted testimony on 22... we've submitted 22 testimonies,

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HCSOC: And we've been in person for the vast majority of those, so very proud of that work already. It's been a very, fast launch into session this year, but things are moving along. Today, later today, we will have all of our legislative,

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HCSOC: Sorry, all of the bills that the Commission decided to testify on, we're going to have those listed on our website, and then we'll also have links to the Commission's testimony, and so if you want to click on the bill and learn more about the bill in general, you'll be able to do that. If you want to see specifically what the Commission has posted, you can do that as well.

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HCSOC: And I think... I think that's it.

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HCSOC: Thank you. We did meet last week, went over a list of bills to look at, and this list that will be on the website is the result of that meeting that we had regarding the legislative priorities of the Commission. So thank you, Kristen and her staff.

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HCSOC: As well as some of the, commissioners for your comments on the testimonies that we've been submitting.

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HCSOC: Let's move on to item number 6, the Oversight Coordinator Report of the Month.

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HCSOC: Great,

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HCSOC: Good morning, everybody. So, first, we want to start with announcing Dustin Custody. Before I announce the Dustin Custody in December, I do want to make

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HCSOC: a note, after reviewing the department's website, and also talking to Kevin Dayton from Civil Beat, who does a fantastic job also reporting on deaths in custody, the Commission found that we were actually missing two deaths, from the 2025 reports that we put out.

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HCSOC: And so we will be updating our October 2025 Oversight Coordinator Report, and also updating our 2025 annual report to incorporate those deaths, but...

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HCSOC: to give you a brief overview of what happened on October 12th.

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HCSOC: An Asian male, 76 years old, was transported to the hospital from the Oahu Community Correctional Center, and on October 29th, the male was pronounced deceased. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the official time and cause of death. And also, on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at approximately 1.47 AM, an Asian male in custody, 71 years old.

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HCSOC: at Halava Correctional Facility was found deceased in the infirmary. DCUR reports indicate that the official time of death

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HCSOC: was 2.47 AM, and again, an autopsy will be...

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HCSOC: conducted to determine the official cause and time of death, so I do apologize for missing those. One of those, the department did not send to us. The other, the department did send to us, but it was our mistake in that we did not put it in our report, so I apologize for that.

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HCSOC: So last year, in 2025, there were not 16 deaths in custody, there were actually 18 deaths in custody total.

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HCSOC: I'm...

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HCSOC: Moving on to the December deaths in custody, there were... I'm sorry, the January deaths in custody, there were 3 that occurred.

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HCSOC: One on December 30th, 2025, a 67-year-old white male was transferred to the hospital after experiencing a medical event at OCCC. And on January 11th, 2026, at 7.57 AM, the individual was pronounced deceased.

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HCSOC: The circumstances leading up to this death are still being investigated by the department, and an autopsy will determine the official cause of death.

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HCSOC: And on Saturday, January 24th, at approximately 7.38 PM, a Hawaiian male in custody, 29 years old, at the Halava Correctional Facility was found unresponsive in his cell. Security personnel immediately responded, conducted CPR, and alerted 911. EMS arrived on the scene at approximately 7.56 PM, and at approximately 8.45 PM, the individual was pronounced deceased.

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HCSOC: This death does appear to be a suicide, but an autopsy will determine the official cause of death.

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HCSOC: And on January 26, 2026, a 53-year-old Asian male in custody was reportedly transported to the hospital from OCCC after feeling chest pains. The individual was pronounced deceased on January 27th at 12.35 a.m. while hospitalized. And again, an autopsy will determine the official cause of death.

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HCSOC: In addition to those, I do want to report one additional death that occurred this month in February.

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HCSOC: This February death will be reported, in writing in our next Oversight Coordinator Report.

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HCSOC: But on Saturday, February 7th, 2026, at approximately 6.33 AM, a Korean male in custody, 67-year-old at Halava, was found unresponsive in his cell.

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HCSOC: Security personnel immediately responded, conducted CPR, and alerted 911. EMS arrived on the scene at approximately 6.45 a.m, and at approximately 7.11 a.m, the individual was pronounced deceased, and again, an autopsy will determine the official cause.

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HCSOC: of deaths. So I apologize for starting off the meeting in that way, but I think that these deaths are extremely important to acknowledge and to talk about,

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HCSOC: We are still working on our very large death in custody project. We are missing, at least 100 autopsies that we're still trying to track down, but once we have those, we'll be able to have a better understanding of the trends, and ideally ways to prevent these deaths. And so, we appreciate the department working closely with us on that project.

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HCSOC: And we're hoping to have some updates soon.

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HCSOC: Moving on to events attended, so on January 13th, the Commission participated in the Act 292 Restrictive Housing

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HCSOC: legislative working group. Again, this group was enacted by Governor Green to develop and recommend laws, policies, and procedures regarding restrictive housing, and specifically looking at vulnerable populations. The group has kind of expanded its role in

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HCSOC: Really looking at Act 292, which was passed last year.

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HCSOC: In trying to determine the best

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HCSOC: practices and, you know, potential amendments moving forward for Act 292. On January 27th.

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HCSOC: the Commission presented to the working group to kind of give an overview of the jail system, help clarify terms as defined by the department, and also by Act 292, and highlight why Act 292 matters.

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HCSOC: I just... again, one... one big takeaway from this meeting I just wanted to touch on was...

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HCSOC: I think that the group was getting really wrapped up in...

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HCSOC: language from the department and how to manage these difficult populations. So whether it be protective custody, or whether it be individuals who are in restrictive housing, also known as solitary confinement for, you know, doing an infraction or doing something wrong.

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HCSOC: I think at the end of the day is that we all have to remind ourselves that solitary confinement is extremely damaging for human beings, and there's very specific research on this that indicates,

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HCSOC: trauma that is induced after 14 days of experiencing solitary confinement. And so, you know, us as a commission and staff.

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HCSOC: we hear these stories constantly, and we hear about this trauma constantly. And so we really wanted to kind of bring the focus back to the lived experience portion. The other piece that I just wanted to highlight that appears to be,

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HCSOC: A priority for the legislature, is they didn't appear to be aware of this previously, is that in Saguaro, where we send about 800 of our people, there is a program called the SHIP program.

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HCSOC: I don't remember exactly what it stands for, but this program is designed to keep somebody in restrictive housing for a year minimum.

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HCSOC: The way that it works is, on a quarterly basis, the first quarter, you spend 23 hours in a cell, then the second quarter, it goes to 22, and then 21 and 20.

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HCSOC: At any point, you could get an infraction while in this program, and either restart that time completely, or maybe go back to the first or second quarter, and so oftentimes, people spend more than a year, in what is defined

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HCSOC: as restrictive housing by Act 292. Act 292 is applicable to all state contracted facilities, all out-of-state contracted facilities, and so...

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HCSOC: this act would ban SHIP. So, again.

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HCSOC: I just bring this up, not to harp on it, but just to highlight the importance of trying to prevent the trauma that people are experiencing in this system, and especially when we're talking about things like suicide prevention, like getting people out of cell, and...

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HCSOC: stop utilizing mechanisms such as this. Like, that is suicide prevention.

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HCSOC: So I just wanted to make a strong note on that. Other than that, the Commission attended a graduation of the Inside Out Dad program, and also the 7 Habits of the Inside at Wayava Correctional Facility. That is a fantastic program. 10 participants had graduated,

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HCSOC: And so that was really great to be a part of. And also, the Commission had gone to the Makahiki celebration at the Women's Community Correctional Center.

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HCSOC: More information regarding this and other Makahiki events will be posted in a later report. The Commission staff has been trying to attend all Makahiki events, including Suaro's, next week.

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HCSOC: To get a better understanding of how the department, is conducting those celebrations. So we'll be putting out a brief report on that.

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HCSOC: And then two more things. The Commission had attended an informational briefing that was really focused on Hawaii's current pretrial system.

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HCSOC: It was hosted by the House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and it was very, very interesting. If you have the opportunity to go back and watch that briefing, I highly recommend it. It is on YouTube.

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HCSOC: And then lastly, the Commission had attended

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HCSOC: a mental health technician training at the Women's Community Correctional Center, where 10 women had successfully completed training and received their certificates. So again, we really appreciate the department's efforts in making those types of programs available, and making it so people can graduate and get certificates, and also inviting the Commission to be a part of that. We really appreciate that.

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HCSOC: Other than that... Our report is...

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HCSOC: on the website, and I'm happy to answer any questions from the commissioners.

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HCSOC: Oh, I apologize. The, the presentation that we did at the Restrictive Housing Working Group is attached to the Oversight Coordinator Report, if anybody would like to take a look at that.

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HCSOC: I do have a comment I want to make. At the, informational hearing that was held concerning the restrictive housing, Representative Gardner, Shimizu, who is,

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HCSOC: on the committee. He has been a very good representative on that committee. He's asked a lot of very good questions. But one thing did bother me, and I wanted to speak up, and I didn't think it was appropriate. He kept on referring to our adult correctional officers as guards, and I think that it's very important that we stress

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HCSOC: that they are adult correctional officers. It is a profession they have. Representative Johnson... I mean, I'm sorry, Director Johnson.

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HCSOC: has had success with the advertising to try and attract people to apply for these jobs, and that advertising, if you've seen it on television, it is a correctional officer who is interacting with an inmate. There is no one who has more contact with our inmates than our correctional officers, and we need to treat them with respect. And so, I didn't speak up at that time, Tommy, but it was bothering me that it kept saying guard.

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HCSOC: Okay.

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HCSOC: Thank you, Martha.

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HCSOC: Any other, comments from the commissioners?

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HCSOC: Mike, go ahead.

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HCSOC: Can't hear you.

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Mike Town (retired judge): I gotta unmute. Okay, Kristen, what is the best practice on these,

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Mike Town (retired judge): deaths in custody to review them, to make sure that they, A, weren't... they were... that they were...

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Mike Town (retired judge): weren't preventable, or B, that their placement maybe shouldn't have been in the infirmary or should have been elsewhere, because there's a lot of them, and when... at the court, we had... we dealt with those very aggressively and assertively.

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Mike Town (retired judge): And when do you think this project will be... will come to fruition? I know it's a big project, I'm not criticizing, I'm just...

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Mike Town (retired judge): We have a lot to learn from every single one. Are you getting cooperation across the board?

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HCSOC: No, you can totally criticize. I wanted this report done now, so I... I'm... I'm criticizing myself. I'm not happy that it's taken this long.

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HCSOC: To be honest, so we... so we...

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HCSOC: We have received cooperation, I think, and especially from the department. I think the department is also really interested to see the trends and have a better understanding of what's going on, and so I've had

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HCSOC: fantastic cooperation from the department, no issues there. When it comes to requesting these records,

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HCSOC: I... it's... what's unclear to me right now that we're trying to figure out is if the autopsy was completed and the record is missing, or if the autopsy was not completed and there is no record.

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HCSOC: That's what we're kind of struggling to find out right now, but we're going back to all the different medical examiner and coroner's offices to get a better understanding of that.

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HCSOC: We are missing the most, which is fair, the most deaths have occurred on Oahu, and so we're missing the most autopsies from the Honolulu Medical Examiner's Office.

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HCSOC: That's not to say they've done something wrong, it's just we don't know...

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HCSOC: what the issue is, especially because the records that we're missing are within the state's retention timeframe. And so Director Johnson and I have even talked about,

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HCSOC: you know, potentially formulating a letter, a collective letter, from both of us, just, you know, again, requesting these autopsies, because the department needs them too. You know, we've found records where the department has consistently followed up and asked for records, but I think at some point, and especially with their understaffing,

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HCSOC: you know, sometimes things get lost, or things aren't continued to be followed up on, especially if it's been months or years. So... so to answer your question, I genuinely don't know. I think that we're getting,

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HCSOC: I think that we're all working collaboratively, it's just unclear to me what happened with these records. A lot of them are missing between, like, 2016, 2017, like, right in that time frame,

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HCSOC: And I know that there was a lot of turnover at that time. I believe one of the medical examiners actually was fired, I found in the media for not doing their job, so I just... again, it's unclear to me if the autopsies were completed, and it's a matter of really tracking down that documentation, or...

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HCSOC: if autopsies simply were not completed, and then we have to move forward and document that and just work with what we have. That's what we're trying to figure out right now.

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Mike Town (retired judge): briefly, I hear from Bob Merse and the community, people want to know how their loved one passed away. I don't blame them. And they want to know if anything was learned. And they also may or may not

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Mike Town (retired judge): God forbid, don't want to consult with counsel. I think that's all healthy. These after-action reports happen... they happen in the military, they happen,

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Mike Town (retired judge): In the hospitals, they happen in the schools, and so I really want to encourage us moving on that. I know there's a funding issue, but what is... what state does this the best?

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Mike Town (retired judge): other than.

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HCSOC: Oh, no, states are terrible with this across the board. So one of... so actually, one of the big challenges is comparing our death and custody rate with any other state. That's actually one of our biggest challenges.

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HCSOC: So there was a federal law passed a few years back called the Federal Death Reporting Act.

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HCSOC: And that requires all states for jails and prisons, and also police custody, to report out on deaths in custody. There are many, many states who are not in compliance with that act at all. There are many states that never posted anything about deaths in custody prior to that. It's usually actually oversight agencies who bring attention to this issue. And so...

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HCSOC: Yeah, it's... unfortunately, it's terrible practice across

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HCSOC: the country, when it comes to having an understanding of what is going on and why it's happening. And that's why, when we took on this project, we didn't want to just report out on what we're hearing or

potentially what we're seeing from the reports. We really wanted to get the autopsy reports to get an understanding of what the official cause of death is,

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HCSOC: And if there are any potential drugs in the individual systems, I think that is extremely important to look at as well, whether it be a suicide, homicide, medical issue, whatever it may be.

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HCSOC: Because that means that the death could have potentially been prevented. So...

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HCSOC: Yeah, so I... I wish I had more... more information for you.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Kristen, I asked myself two questions. One, was this death preventable? And I... I want to believe they are, but we don't know that. Second thing is, if they died in custody.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Was there a less drastic place they could have been? At Leiahi, or out in the community, or... you know, you know what I'm saying. I think everybody deserves to have a compassionate, gentle passing, and the family needs to know it. But I know I'm... I know I'm saying the obvious, but that's my... those are my thinking.

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HCSOC: No, I appreciate you bringing it up, and we... we are trying to flag for the... for the older, the more medically complex folks who have passed, we are trying to flag, based on the autopsy reports, like, if they would have been a potential candidate for compassionate release,

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HCSOC: Now, that's not necessarily looking at the potential risk that they would have to society, which, of course, the Frolling Authority does look at, but we are trying to flag things like that to bring more attention, like, this is why compassionate release is so important. So... so all the things you're bringing up, we are very actively working on. It's just taking...

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HCSOC: an incredible amount of time, more time and resources than what I had, originally anticipated.

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Mike Town (retired judge): Thank you.

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HCSOC: Thank you, Mike. Anything else?

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HCSOC: Okay. All right, thank you, Kristen, for your report. And again, everyone, it's on the website, if you wish to review it and go over it.

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HCSOC: In more detail.

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HCSOC: As we turn to, look at the agenda, item number, devin.

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HCSOC: is, quite a lengthy item, so what I want to do right now, that's a lot of boating, really. So when... every year, we want to visit, as a commission.

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HCSOC: each facility, yeah? And as we go to the neighboring counties, we have meetings in those counties for the members of this community to come and see us in person.

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HCSOC: And, as we finish those meetings, we then go into the facility. And because we go in as a commission.

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HCSOC: It requires, what we call a limited meeting, because we can't bring the meeting into the facilities.

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HCSOC: So we have to have motions in place. Yeah, we can't bring the public with us into those, and there's no videotaping, and so we have to be in agreement as a commission that that's gonna happen. Yeah, I think the touring of the facilities have been a positive thing since we began.

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HCSOC: For the last several years, we have our monthly reports on each of those facilities that we visit.

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HCSOC: And if by chance, for whatever reason, we're not able to visit, we always reschedule, and we continue. So all we're doing now is to get the approval to have these limited meetings in each of those facilities for 2026. But before we go into that.

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00:34:02.170 --> 00:34:15.630

HCSOC: I want to jump to item number 8, Commissioners, on the agenda for public comment, so we can get... let those individuals who wish to comment on any issues not on the agenda.

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HCSOC: For commissioners... to consideration for Commissioners' agenda on the next meeting, so I want to open it up at this time.

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HCSOC: For the public, if any testimony.

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HCSOC: Don't see any hands up. Seeing none at this time, thank you, everyone.

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HCSOC: gonna sound like AI right now. I've given judges instructions, I mean, commissioners instructions, so...

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HCSOC: Here we go. Back to item number 7 on the agenda. For our limited meetings at the following correctional facilities this year, I'll take a motion for the Oahu Community Correctional Center.

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HCSOC: I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Oahu Community Correctional Center because the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable due to it being a locked and secure facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures. Is there a second? Second.

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00:35:26.270 --> 00:35:31.130

HCSOC: It's been moved by Martha and seconded by, Mark Browning.

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00:35:31.670 --> 00:35:39.579

HCSOC: that we accept a limited meeting for the Oahu Community Correctional Center for 2026. Any further discussion?

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00:35:40.660 --> 00:35:47.279

HCSOC: Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, say. Any abstentions?

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00:35:47.560 --> 00:35:49.410

HCSOC: Motion passed.

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00:35:50.140 --> 00:36:06.499

HCSOC: The second motion for Oahu Community Correctional Center, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Is there a second?

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00:36:06.690 --> 00:36:15.679

HCSOC: Second. It's been moved by Martha and seconded by Mark that we waive the videotaping requirement for the Oahu Community Correctional Center upon our tour.

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00:36:15.970 --> 00:36:17.729

HCSOC: Any further discussion?

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HCSOC: Oh.

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00:36:27.970 --> 00:36:33.199

HCSOC: Okay, in the brief discussion, it's important for us to

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00:36:34.850 --> 00:36:52.929

HCSOC: protect the privacy. Protect the privacy of the, individuals for the videotaping, while we're in the facility. And it's important for you to tour as a collective group. And it's also important for us to tour as a collective group. We're getting better as we move on. We got 10 more to go. Oh, just 7.

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00:36:55.120 --> 00:37:02.080

HCSOC: No, further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:37:05.750 --> 00:37:18.489

HCSOC: I'll take a motion now for a limited meeting for the Kauai Community Correctional Center. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Kauai Community Correctional Center.

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HCSOC: Because the on-site inspection is necessary, and public attendance is impractical due to it being a locked and secured facility.

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HCSOC: Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures.

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00:37:36.390 --> 00:37:38.659

HCSOC: Can I get a second? Second.

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00:37:38.960 --> 00:37:51.119

HCSOC: It's been moved by Mark Brown and seconded by Martha Turnay that we accept a motion for a limited meeting at the Kauai Community Correctional Center. Any further discussion?

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00:37:52.630 --> 00:38:05.539

HCSOC: Once again, in our tours of the Kauai Community Correctional Center, it's impractical for the public to be a part of that at this time, as well as maintaining the confidentiality of the individuals who are incarcerated within the facility itself.

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00:38:06.820 --> 00:38:10.980

HCSOC: With no further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye.

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00:38:11.180 --> 00:38:12.720

HCSOC: All the polls seem.

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00:38:13.910 --> 00:38:15.309

HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:38:16.940 --> 00:38:35.980

HCSOC: As, the Kauai Community Correctional Center, as to Kauai Community Correctional Center, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of the privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:38:36.070 --> 00:38:49.730

HCSOC: Is there a second? Second. It's been moved by Mark Brown and seconded by Martha Torne that we waive the videotaping requirement because of the privacy issues of the people incarcerated at the facility of the Kauai Community Correctional Center.

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00:38:50.100 --> 00:38:52.010

HCSOC: Is there any further discussion?

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00:38:52.640 --> 00:38:58.869

HCSOC: Again, the purpose of this is to protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated at these facilities.

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00:38:59.520 --> 00:39:03.610

HCSOC: All of the commissioners' meetings, when we have that are public, is always videotaped.

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HCSOC: This is what we're doing, is we're waiving this particular meeting due to the privacy issues.

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HCSOC: No further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, say.

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HCSOC: Motion carried.

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HCSOC: I'll take a motion for a limited meeting for the Hawaii Community Correctional Center at this time.

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HCSOC: I move to deter that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center, because the on-site inspection is necessary, and public attendance is impracticable.

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HCSOC: due to it being a locked and secured facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without official reason.

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HCSOC: due to facility-specific policies and procedures. Is there a second? Second.

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HCSOC: It's been moved by Ronnie Barra and seconded by Mark Browning that we,

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HCSOC: Hold a limited meeting at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center in Hilo.

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HCSOC: Any further discussion?

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HCSOC: That, again, we're going into a locked and secure facility where the public is not allowed

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HCSOC: Anyway, unless they have a specific reason to be there.

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00:40:13.800 --> 00:40:19.850

HCSOC: All right, with no further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:40:20.190 --> 00:40:38.990

HCSOC: Motion passed. I'll take a second motion. As to Hawaii Community Correctional Center, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:40:40.080 --> 00:40:41.449

HCSOC: Is there a second?

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00:40:41.590 --> 00:40:42.390

HCSOC: Okay.

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00:40:42.610 --> 00:40:54.030

HCSOC: To be moved by Ron Ibarra and seconded by Mark Browning that we waive the videotaping requirement for the Hawaii Community Correctional Center visit. Any further discussion?

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00:40:54.550 --> 00:40:59.779

HCSOC: Again, we want to protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated, and even those who are working there.

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00:41:01.180 --> 00:41:05.820

HCSOC: No further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, say.

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00:41:06.820 --> 00:41:08.210

HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:41:10.510 --> 00:41:15.459

HCSOC: I'll take a motion for a limited meeting for the Maui Community Correctional Center.

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00:41:16.710 --> 00:41:21.159

HCSOC: Mr. Chair, I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting.

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00:41:21.330 --> 00:41:40.140

HCSOC: at the Maui Community Correctional Center, because the on-site inspection is necessary, and public attendance is impractical due to it being a locked and secured facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures.

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00:41:40.350 --> 00:41:42.510

HCSOC: Is there a second? Second.

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00:41:43.100 --> 00:41:48.109

HCSOC: It's been moved by Mark Browning and seconded by Ronnie Barra for a limited meeting.

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00:41:48.490 --> 00:41:53.010

HCSOC: At the Maui Community Correctional Center. Any further discussion?

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00:41:53.910 --> 00:42:08.479

HCSOC: Once again, in our tour at the Maui Community Correctional Center, we need to have a limited meeting, due to the, secured, purpose of the facility and the privacy of its,

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HCSOC: Population, and public attendance is impractical at that time.

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HCSOC: Hearing no further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:42:20.430 --> 00:42:23.320

HCSOC: Motion passed. I'll take the second motion.

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00:42:23.470 --> 00:42:40.770

HCSOC: As the Maui Community Correctional Center, I now move that we waive the videotaping requirement, because the privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:42:41.370 --> 00:42:49.159

HCSOC: Is there a second? Second. It's been moved by Mark Browning and seconded by Ronnie Barra that we waive the videotaping requirement

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HCSOC: for the Maui Community Correctional Center visit.

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HCSOC: Any further discussion?

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HCSOC: I believe that we have a responsibility to protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated.

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HCSOC: No further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:43:08.590 --> 00:43:13.749

HCSOC: Motion carried. I'll now take a motion for the Women's Community Correctional Center

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00:43:14.450 --> 00:43:33.819

HCSOC: I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Women's Correctional Center because the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impractical due to it being a locked and secure facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures.

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00:43:34.220 --> 00:43:35.589

HCSOC: Do I get a second?

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00:43:35.720 --> 00:43:41.180

HCSOC: Second. It's been moved by Martha Tournay and seconded by Mark Browning, that we accept...

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00:43:41.500 --> 00:43:47.449

HCSOC: Now, we've won an unlimited meeting for the Women's Community Correctional Center for 2026 tour.

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HCSOC: Any further discussion?

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00:43:50.020 --> 00:44:00.070

HCSOC: Again, these are locked and secure facilities that are not open to the public on a regular basis unless there's a specific reason to be there, and therefore, that's the reason we should have a limited meeting.

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00:44:02.060 --> 00:44:07.000

HCSOC: No further discussion, all in favor, say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:44:07.540 --> 00:44:23.119

HCSOC: Motion carried. I'll take a second motion. The second motion for the Women's Community Correctional Center, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of the privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:44:23.760 --> 00:44:31.850

HCSOC: Diane, second? Second. It's been moved by Martha Tournay and seconded by Mark Browning that we waive the videotaping requirement

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00:44:32.210 --> 00:44:38.359

HCSOC: For the tour of the Women's Community Correctional Center for 2026. Any further discussion?

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00:44:39.910 --> 00:44:49.090

HCSOC: I think it is necessary that we continue to protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated at these facilities. As well as the staff. As well as the staff, yeah.

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00:44:49.640 --> 00:44:54.509

HCSOC: No further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, say.

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00:44:55.160 --> 00:44:56.590

HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:44:57.870 --> 00:45:01.600

HCSOC: I'll now take a motion for the Halawa Correctional Facility.

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00:45:01.600 --> 00:45:19.529

HCSOC: I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Halava Correctional Facility, because the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impractical due to it being a locked and secure facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures.

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00:45:20.350 --> 00:45:22.119

HCSOC: Is there a second? Second.

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00:45:22.520 --> 00:45:35.330

HCSOC: It'll be moved by Martha Tournay and seconded by Mark Browning that we hold a limited meeting at the Halava Correctional Facility in the year 2026. Any further discussion?

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00:45:36.000 --> 00:45:39.689

HCSOC: Again, this is a facility that is not open to the public.

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00:45:40.080 --> 00:45:46.200

HCSOC: Because it is a locked, secure... locked and secure facility, you have to have a specific reason to be there.

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00:45:47.570 --> 00:45:52.320

HCSOC: No further discussion, all in favor, say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:45:53.260 --> 00:45:56.469

HCSOC: Motion... Motion passed. I'll take the second motion.

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00:45:56.620 --> 00:46:13.680

HCSOC: I move that the, Halava Correctional Facility... for the Halava Correctional Facility, I move that we waive the videotaping requirements because of the privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Can I get a second?

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00:46:14.480 --> 00:46:27.259

HCSOC: To be moved by Martha Toneea and seconded by Mark Browning, that we waive the videotaping requirement for the tour of the Halawa Correctional Facility in 2026. Any further discussion?

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00:46:28.040 --> 00:46:38.710

HCSOC: Again, I think it's important that we protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated, and also of the staff who are assigned to the facility. No further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye.

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00:46:38.710 --> 00:46:39.420

Mike Town (retired judge): Thank you.

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00:46:39.590 --> 00:46:41.340

HCSOC: All opposed, say same.

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00:46:41.650 --> 00:46:43.190

HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:46:44.300 --> 00:47:02.140

HCSOC: I'll take a motion now for the Kulani Correctional Facility. I move to determine that it is necessary to hold limited meetings at the Kulani Correctional Facility, because the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable due to it being a locked and secured facility.

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00:47:02.140 --> 00:47:16.549

HCSOC: Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures. Can I get a second? Second. It's been moved by Ronnie Barra and seconded by Mark Brown.

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00:47:16.890 --> 00:47:19.120

HCSOC: That we hold a limited meeting.

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00:47:19.630 --> 00:47:25.700

HCSOC: at the Kulani Correctional Facility in 2026, Any further discussion

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00:47:29.430 --> 00:47:43.470

HCSOC: Again, the facility is not open to the public. It is a secure facility, even though it's an open campus, but still a secure facility, and for the public to visit, they need to have a specific reason to be there.

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00:47:44.610 --> 00:47:49.930

HCSOC: With no further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, say same.

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00:47:50.500 --> 00:48:09.770

HCSOC: Motion carried. I'll take the second motion for Kulani Correctional Facility. As to Kulani Correctional Facility, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:48:09.970 --> 00:48:19.009

HCSOC: Any second? Second. It'll be moved by Ronnie Barra and seconded by Mark Browning that we waive the videotaping requirement for the 2026 tour

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00:48:19.730 --> 00:48:24.430

HCSOC: of the Kulani Correctional Facility, any further discussion?

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00:48:25.210 --> 00:48:34.059

HCSOC: Again, it is important that we protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated, and then also for our staff who are assigned to Kulani.

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00:48:35.190 --> 00:48:38.430

HCSOC: No further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye.

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00:48:39.450 --> 00:48:40.870

HCSOC: All opposed, same.

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00:48:41.950 --> 00:48:43.450

HCSOC: Motion carried.

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00:48:44.110 --> 00:48:47.470

HCSOC: I'll take a motion for Wyava Correctional Facility at this time.

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00:48:47.470 --> 00:49:05.720

HCSOC: I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Wiaapa Correctional Facility because the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable due to it being a locked and secure facility. Also, public attendance is not allowed without an official reason due to facility-specific policies and procedures.

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00:49:05.890 --> 00:49:12.580

HCSOC: I'll take a second. It's been moved by Martha Tournay and seconded by Mark Browning that we hold a limited meeting.

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00:49:13.250 --> 00:49:18.010

HCSOC: At the Wayava Correctional Facility in 2006, any further discussion?

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00:49:18.550 --> 00:49:25.630

HCSOC: Correctional facilities are not open to the public. Public can only attend when they have a specific reason to be there.

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00:49:26.410 --> 00:49:29.520

HCSOC: No further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye.

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00:49:29.520 --> 00:49:30.130

Mike Town (retired judge): Right.

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00:49:30.520 --> 00:49:31.560

HCSOC: All opposed?

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00:49:32.520 --> 00:49:37.080

HCSOC: Say, same. Motion carried. I'll take that final motion for the day.

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00:49:37.080 --> 00:49:52.769

HCSOC: Waiaba Correctional Facility? Second motion for Waiaba Correctional Facility, I move that we waive the videotaping requirement because of privacy issues for the people incarcerated in the facility, and for those who may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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00:49:52.840 --> 00:49:59.340

HCSOC: Take a second. Second. Moved by Martha Tonay and seconded by Mark Browning that we waive the videotaping requirement.

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00:49:59.710 --> 00:50:06.129

HCSOC: of our commissions meeting for the Wayava Correctional Facility. Any further discussion?

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00:50:06.440 --> 00:50:13.609

HCSOC: It is incumbent upon us to protect the privacy of those who are incarcerated, and also the staff who are assigned to the facility.

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00:50:14.800 --> 00:50:20.610

HCSOC: But no further discussion, all in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed, same.

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00:50:21.480 --> 00:50:32.499

HCSOC: Motion passed. Yay. Yay. Thank you, thank you, Commissioners. It's really important, like I said, these tours have shown a lot, you know, and

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00:50:32.500 --> 00:50:49.599

HCSOC: You can't conduct oversight without visiting. Yeah, without visiting, seeing, you know, what recommendations are being taken care of, what recommendations are not, and just being a physical presence for the staff, as well as the offenders who are housed there, that the commission is alive and well, and...

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00:50:49.600 --> 00:50:53.129

HCSOC: Well, as commissioners, this is really just the commissioners, the staff.

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00:50:53.690 --> 00:51:01.759

HCSOC: actually go more than we do, okay? And, so we have a visible presence in our statewide facilities.

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00:51:02.000 --> 00:51:03.380

HCSOC: And,

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00:51:03.570 --> 00:51:16.200

HCSOC: For those of you who are wondering what just happened, we are required to do this by the Office of Information, so that everything is transparent, and that the commissions are in agreement to what we're doing.

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00:51:16.610 --> 00:51:21.410

HCSOC: And, we are following all administrative rules and regulations.

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00:51:21.810 --> 00:51:26.240

HCSOC: And the sunshine long. Even on a rainy February day.

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00:51:27.530 --> 00:51:37.600

HCSOC: Okay, so thank you for bearing with us on that. Thank you, those in the public who are here, and for the commissioners for their continuing commitment, and most of all, thank you for our staff.

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00:51:38.290 --> 00:51:40.300

HCSOC: And, thank you for having staff.

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00:51:40.740 --> 00:51:56.380

HCSOC: And for all the hard work that they continue to do in this legislative session, it's good to see all of you who are on this meeting. We are continually advocating for a move toward a therapeutic environment in our correctional system, as evident by our

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00:51:56.580 --> 00:52:00.609

HCSOC: Presence, and your presence, at the legislative hearings.

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00:52:01.050 --> 00:52:15.350

HCSOC: Right now, we have a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, at 9 o'clock a.m, here in Oahu, right? Here in Oahu. And, any other further information or questions from the commissioners at this time?

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00:52:16.210 --> 00:52:16.880

HCSOC: Nope.

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00:52:17.220 --> 00:52:23.149

HCSOC: Once again, thank you for being here. Thank you to the community for being here and being supportive of us.

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00:52:23.290 --> 00:52:28.890  
HCSOC: and our staff, and I call this meeting to adjourn at this time.

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00:52:29.610 --> 00:52:30.450  
Mike Town (retired judge): Oh, Lord.