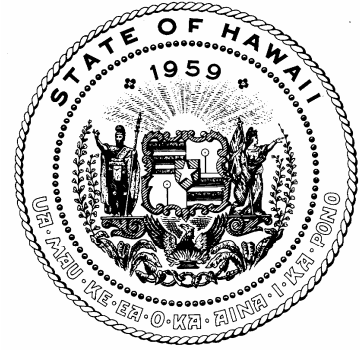


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LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY MEETING

Prison overcrowding – ex-offender re-entry and reintegration – public safety – reducing recidivism – prisoner rehabilitation. Given this year’s rash of copper thefts and crimes committed by ex-convicts, the question before the state Public Safety Department and the Legislature is how best to reform inmates so that they can “stay straight” when they are released after completing their sentences.

The Hawaii State Legislative Public Safety Oversight Committee will be discussing this and related issues on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council Building, 47 Rainbow Drive, Hilo, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. An overview of current prison conditions will be discussed, as well as mental health issues, and rehabilitation efforts. The Committee will tour the three correctional facilities – Kulani, Hale Nani, and Hilo Jail – before the meeting.

Community input is welcome. For more information, please call Marlene at (808) 586-6360.

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