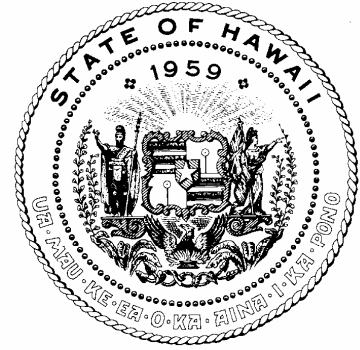


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**PUBLIC SAFETY MAUI COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING JULY 7, 2007**

The Hawaii State Senate and House Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Department of Public Safety will conduct a facility inspection of the Maui Community Correctional Center on July 7, 2007. Senator Will Espero and Representative Cindy Evans, respective chairs of the Senate and House Public Safety Committees, will be in attendance, as well as committee members and Maui legislators. The Interim Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Deputy Director of Corrections, Acting Warden of MCCC, Acting Chief of MCCC, will also be present.

The site visit will be followed by a community informational meeting in the Maui Economic Opportunity Family Living Center at 99 Mahalani Street in Wailuku from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. An overview of prison conditions (capacity and actual inmate population; staffing; capital improvements needed) will be discussed. Also on the agenda will be discussions on mental health issues, re-entry and rehabilitation networks, and plans for expansion to Puunene. The public is invited to attend and community input is welcome.

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