

Future of the O'ahu Community Correctional Center

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Mission: The mission of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) is to provide a secure correctional environment for comprehensive rehabilitative, holistic and wraparound re-entry services, including culturally based approaches, to persons sentenced to our custody and care with professionalism, integrity, respect and fairness. Our goal is to reduce recidivism and enhance the safety and security of our communities.

What We Do: DCR carries out orders from the state courts to confine individuals in custody for a set period of time utilizing jails and prisons located within Hawai'i, at the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu and in private contracted facilities on the continent. Jails, known in Hawai'i as Community Correctional Centers (CCCs), are located on the islands of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and O'ahu and house pretrial detainees, misdemeanor offenders and others with a sentence of one year or less. CCCs also provide a pre-release transition function for prison inmates who are less than a year from their scheduled release. While some individuals in custody will remain confined for life, over 95 percent will serve their sentences and be released to the community.

Vision: DCR envisions a future when all its facilities provide safe, secure, healthy and humane environments for those in custody as well as staff. We are looking for a future based on better understanding the differing needs of offender populations, using therapeutic rather than punitive management techniques, ensuring racial equity and by promoting positive change so that fewer individuals are incarcerated in Hawai'i. However, aged and obsolete jails undermine DCR's ability to deliver such a vision and improving some facilities and replacing others are high priorities. Chief among those priorities is development of a new O'ahu jail on state-owned lands currently housing the Animal Quarantine Station in 'Aiea. Assisting DCR with O'ahu jail planning and development is the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and a team of experts and advisors (the "New O'ahu Jail Project Team").

The New O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) project: Also known as the "New O'ahu Jail" or "New O'ahu Jail Project" to make clear that DCR is planning for a new jail and not a prison as we move forward with development efforts.

NEWS AND UPDATES: FACILITIES

New O'ahu Jail Design to Reflect the Dignity of Hawai'i's Justice System

Progress continues in planning the new O'ahu jail with DCR, DAGS, the consultant team led by AHL and including HOK Architects, working to develop a facility that recognizes and acknowledges the important role the jail plays in the justice system and the activities that occur within the facility. Over the past several months, efforts have been devoted to developing a design intended to provide a healing environment that also reflects the dignity of Hawai'i's justice system. Such a design will also enhance public respect for the justice system while ensuring all who interact with the facility are treated with dignity and respect.

The programmatic functions provided in the facility are each interfaced by those in custody and by staff and the public in different manners; therefore, the design solution must:

- Offer a clear, unified concept for the facility as a whole, while providing the necessary individuality to the separate functions housed within;
- Reflect the accountability, efficiency and professionalism of DCR while presenting an appropriate public face with access to the facility clear, inviting and accommodating;
- Exhibit the architectural traditions, environmental sensibilities and cultural values of Hawai'i and
- Express a contemporary civic presence that conveys permanence, dignity and a sense of belonging within the community.

The building's architectural expression will be displayed through thoughtful materiality and carefully considered proportions between solid mass, void and transparency, creating a balanced composition that both expresses the facility's function and represents the architectural character of its time. The design must also communicate clarity and order, with a well-modulated expression that organizes public, staff and secure functions, in a manner that is legible and appropriate for a civic institution.



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Rendering of new O'ahu jail to be developed at the Animal Quarantine Station. Renderings are subject to change. No final design of the proposed facility has been approved.

From the Director's Desk



DCR Director Tommy Johnson

Aloha, everyone,

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) remains committed to its plans to construct a new O'ahu jail which is paramount for the safety and security of staff and those in our custody and care.

Existing conditions at the O'ahu Community Correctional Center's (OCCC) are beyond repair and lack adequate space for programs. A modern facility with humane conditions is critical to provide a secure correctional environment.

Construction also continues at the Maui Community Correctional Center for a new 32-bed housing unit. The new structure is designed to have support spaces that include offices for mental health counseling as well as recreational spaces.

The men and women in our custody and care at facilities across the state have the capacity to change. We remain fully committed to provide programs and support services that prepare them for reintegration into the community.

The Hälawa Correctional Facility recently hosted a successful housing resource fair in March 2026 where nearly 40 inmates were approved on-the-spot for housing. The men are set to be paroled or will be completing their sentences by the end of the year. We express our sincere gratitude to the agencies and non-profit organizations that participated in the resource fair to ensure inmates have a seamless transition into the community upon their release.

DCR also continues to establish new partnerships with community organizations that provide incarcerated men and women an opportunity to transform their lives and equip them with marketable skills. In December 2025, the Women's Community Correctional Center recently celebrated three women — two inmates and a third woman recently released from the facility — who graduated from a new Dental Assistant Training Program.

The trio were the first cohort of WCCC's inaugural program that was made possible through DCR's partnerships with the O'ahu Workforce Development Board, Hawai'i American Job Center and Simply 3D Hawai'i.

The Dental Assistant Training Program is a prime example of DCR's ongoing mission to provide comprehensive rehabilitative reentry services to the men and women in our custody in an effort to reduce recidivism as well as enhance public safety.

At the public-facing levels, visual access to non-private areas shall be incorporated where feasible to enhance openness and provide a welcoming interface with its surroundings.

Architectural themes are drawing inspiration from traditional Hawaiian building practices, integrating elements such as lanais, open-air transition spaces, natural ventilation and effective shading devices to respond to conditions on O'ahu. These passive environmental strategies shall enhance thermal comfort, daylight access and environmental performance while maintaining the operational and security requirements of a correctional facility. Exterior spaces and green roof areas shall incorporate native and regionally appropriate plantings to reinforce a connection to the island's landscape and ecological identity.

The exterior material palette shall be composed of a tasteful selection of high-quality, durable and maintainable materials that support the building's longevity, resilience and enduring civic presence. Material selection shall respond to the climatic conditions, prioritizing resistance to humidity, salt air, solar exposure and weathering, while minimizing long-term maintenance requirements. Where feasible, materials shall be sourced locally, reflecting the natural character, resources and craft traditions of Hawai'i—and reinforcing an authentic sense of place.

Materials proposed for the exterior cladding and public spaces shall respond to the design principles of dignity, durability and accessibility. The selection of materials will consider not only physical durability in terms of performance and maintenance, but also their symbolic value, cultural associations and particularly their local significance. For example, the use of lava rock shall be a defining element within the palette, grounding the building in the geological identity of the island while providing a durable and texturally rich surface. This material may be incorporated at the base of the structure, within landscape walls, or as accent elements along key façades, establishing a strong visual and tactile connection to the volcanic landscape of O'ahu. Complementary materials such as textured concrete and masonry will be incorporated to harmonize with the tonal qualities of the lava rock, creating a cohesive and contextually responsive composition.

Opportunities to incorporate patterned surfaces shall be explored through the use of cast-in-place or precast concrete, masonry, or other durable materials capable of receiving articulated finishes. Where appropriate, these surfaces may be stamped, etched, or otherwise detailed with patterns derived from local cultural motifs and artistic traditions, interpreted in an abstract and contemporary manner. Such interventions shall be applied with restraint, contributing to visual identity and cultural resonance without compromising the clarity, dignity, or institutional character of the facility.

Together, these strategies shall create an exterior expression that is cohesive, durable and environmentally responsive, while reflecting the cultural and natural context of Hawai'i and reinforcing the facility's role as a contemporary civic institution. The renderings that follow show an exterior appearance and overall design unlike any of Hawai'i's current outmoded correctional facilities and will support the facility's overall goal of providing a modern, humane correctional environment that better supports safety, treatment and successful reentry for people in custody.



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“Build Something with Us” - Doing Business with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

The new O’ahu jail project will offer many opportunities for participation by a wide range of businesses, vendors and others. If you would like to learn more about doing business with the state of Hawai’i and have your business details shared with the Project Manager, go to: <https://newoahujail.hawaii.gov/contact-us-2/>.



New O‘ahu Jail Team Attends ACA Conference in Long Beach

DCR officials and members of its project team shared plans for the new O‘ahu jail at the 156th Congress of Corrections sponsored by the American Correctional Association (ACA) in Long Beach, California. Attending the Congress of Corrections offers an opportunity to share information about DCR and the continuing transformation occurring to Hawai‘i’s correctional system. It was also an occasion to disclose information about plans for the new O‘ahu jail and DCR’s efforts to create a healing facility that is grounded in the values of the island culture. Team members also attended workshops and panel discussions relevant to developing and managing the new O‘ahu jail.

Conference attendees visited DCR’s booth in the exhibition hall where DCR officials and new O‘ahu jail team members discussed the current status of plans for this public-private partnership (P3) project.

Designers, constructors, financiers, product vendors and service providers learned of the work being done concerning project delivery methods and financial and other commitments that will be needed to bring the new O‘ahu jail to fruition. Attending the conference also further reiterated the efforts to transform Hawai‘i’s correctional system and demonstrate the support by key Hawai‘i officials for replacing OCCC with a new jail that reduces recidivism and promotes safer communities.

Becky Huckaby, a Manager at Jail Based Behavioral Health Services in Colorado, was the winner of the gift box of authentic local Hawaiian snacks from the company *Mana Up* that was raffled off during the conference. Congratulations Becky!



Representing DCR and the new O‘ahu Jail Team were John Schell (OCCC Warden), Chris Kinimaka (DAGS), Sally Tamai (DAGS), and Bettina Mehnert and Chris Gaydosh (AHL).



Becky Huckaby

New Housing Unit Construction Progressing at Maui CCC

DCR is working to improve and/or replace its corrections infrastructure; that includes continuing construction of a new 32-bed unit housing unit at the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC). MCCC was opened as a 22-bed facility in 1975 and it wasn't until 1997 when the first substantial improvement was made, with construction of a 110-bed community release facility. The new housing unit will be a substantial improvement to current living and working conditions by providing access to natural daylight and views to the outdoors, improved acoustics, thermal comfort and additional space which is expected to have a positive effect on occupants and staff and overall institution safety and security. The unit will occupy two levels and will include support spaces such as an assessment/treatment room, interview room, offices for mental health counseling and program rooms with spaces for the dayroom and outdoor recreational areas based on American Correctional Association standards. The photographs below show recent construction progress with the housing unit scheduled for completion in September 2027.



Progress continues in constructing the foundation for the new housing unit

O'ahu Jail Team Presents to Honolulu Sunshine Rotary Club

Bettina Mehnert, president and CEO of AHL, discussed plans for replacing the obsolete and deteriorating OCCC at a meeting of the Honolulu Sunshine Rotary Club. During the meeting, held on March 23, 2026, Mehnert emphasized that development of the new jail is a vital element of the DCR's paradigm shift, moving Hawai'i's correctional system away from a punitive model to one that is holistic, restorative and focused on successful reentry into the community.

Mehnert detailed how developing the new O'ahu jail is critical to DCR's mission. The facility will be equipped to better address detainees with special needs, including medical and mental health care and will allow those individuals requiring protective or maximum custody to be housed separately from the general population. The design will also provide a more secure and efficient work environment for corrections staff while improving living conditions for those in custody, creating an environment focused on better preparation for reintegration.

She added that beyond the therapeutic environment, the new jail will be operationally efficient, reducing repair and maintenance needs while aligning with current best practices. With the new facility, DCR is aiming to increase community partnerships for programs and volunteer organizations. Mehnert's presentation, available at: <https://newoahujail.hawaii.gov/>, described the project's long history, its current status, and the proposed Public-Private Partnership project delivery and finance model being used to develop the facility.



Bettina Mehnert presents to the Honolulu Sunshine Rotary Club

Hālawā Correctional Facility Hosts Housing Resource Fair

The Hālawā Correctional Facility (HCF) hosted a housing resource fair on March 19, 2026, where over a dozen agencies and nonprofit organizations provided information to inmates on housing and other support services to ensure successful reintegration upon their release. The facility collaborated on the event with the DCR Reentry Coordination Office, the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA), and a nonprofit organization called "Transforming Lives." Approximately 87 HCF inmates who applied for housing at the resource fair are either set to be paroled or will complete their sentences by the end of 2026.

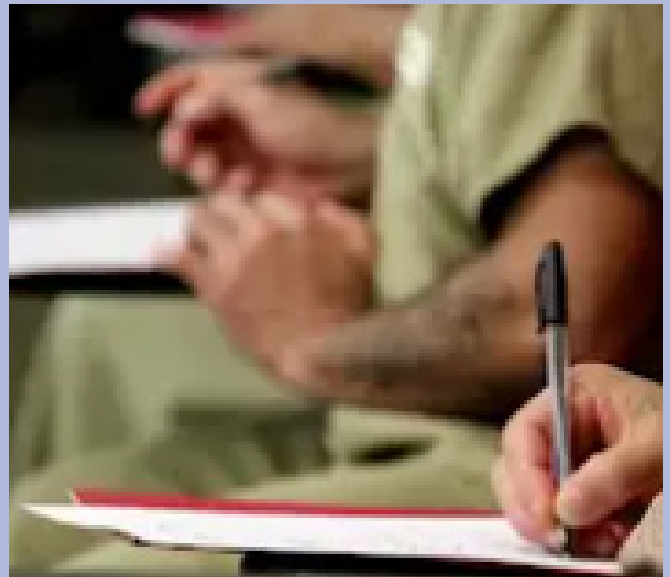
During the event, representatives from community organizations assisted inmates with filling out housing applications and conducting interviews. Of the 87 inmates who applied for housing, 39 were approved on the spot and the remaining are pending bed space availability. Agencies also provided information on rental assistance and substance abuse treatment, as well as information on the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). At the event, DCR Director Tommy Johnson thanked HCF, the DCR Reentry Coordination Office, HPA and Transforming Lives for their efforts and collaboration on the event. Johnson also thanked participating organizations for providing useful resources to inmates.

"DCR and our community partners are dedicated to helping those in our custody and care secure appropriate housing and other available community-based resources and assistance to aid in their successful reintegration into the community and reunification with their families and loved ones," Johnson said. HCF Warden Shannon Cluney added, *"Stable housing is a critical component of successful reintegration and a key element in reducing recidivism."* HCF Corrections Supervisor Todd Anzai, who oversees case managers, echoed Cluney's sentiment. *"The housing resource fair helps the inmates prepare for reintegration,"* Anzai said. *"Having them work with the vendors that come in, they feel more at ease when they transition out. The housing fair also helps case managers familiarize themselves with the various community groups so they can relay practical information to inmates and set a pathway for seamless reintegration."*

Inmate Joseph Spenser, who already secured housing on Maui, said he was grateful for the resource fair to have the opportunity to apply for SNAP benefits and a state identification card. The available resources at the event helped to check things off, Spenser said. Inmate Kenneth Sarol described the event as beneficial. *"This is stuff that will help you get right back on your feet. It's good there's people out there like this and they give you opportunities to help yourself,"* Sarol said.



DCR Director Tommy Johnson, HCF Warden Shannon Cluney, and Deputy Director Sanna Muñoz of the Rehabilitation Services and Programs Division attend HCF housing resource fair.



Easter Keiki Day Reunites Incarcerated Fathers With Their Children

DCR staff and volunteers at the Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) transformed the facility pavilion into a family friendly environment with pastel-colored banners and large inflatable bunnies for a special Easter Keiki Day event. On March 29, 2026, nine incarcerated fathers reunited with their children for an early Easter celebration where they hugged their children and spent quality time participating in activities and catching up with one another. WCF hosted the gathering in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Keiki O Ka 'Āina (KOKA) Family Learning Centers. Seventeen children, including two adult children and one grandchild, as well as 10 caregivers attended the event.

For three hours, fathers and their keiki decorated cookies and participated in arts and crafts. Families also tossed a football and frisbee to one another and took part in an Easter egg hunt where children filled their baskets with pastel-colored toy eggs. During the event, families also enjoyed fried chicken, noodles, macaroni salad, hot dogs, scones and pumpkin crunch for lunch as Hawaiian music blared from a portable speaker. Laughter filled the air at the pavilion grounds as fathers and their children also participated in a water balloon toss game.

DCR Director Tommy Johnson thanked DHS for its collaboration, as well as WCF and KOKA for their efforts organizing the event to ensure incarcerated fathers maintain bonds with their children. *"Keiki Day events like today's Easter-themed gathering gives fathers an opportunity to bond with their children. Family reunification is a critical component of successful reintegration back into the community and helps reduce recidivism — and by reducing recidivism, we have safer communities,"* Johnson said. The special occasion is one of several Keiki Day events WCF hosts annually.

As the event came to a close, children received large Easter gift bags filled with new toys thanks to donations from KOKA and community partners. KOKA Executive Director Momi Akana said a strong family or community support are main factors that help dads who will be returning to the community. That's what programs like Keiki Day does, Akana said, adding that reintegration starts before the men reenter society upon their release. *"Hopefully, their commitment will be 'I'm out, I'm going to stay out and I'm going to be with my family and be with a community that is supporting me.' We want them to feel that support,"* Akana added.



WCF staff and KOKA volunteers join DCR Director Tommy Johnson, KOKA Executive Director Momi Akana and fathers and their children at Easter Keiki Day event



Waiawa Correctional Facility Inmates Graduate from Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program

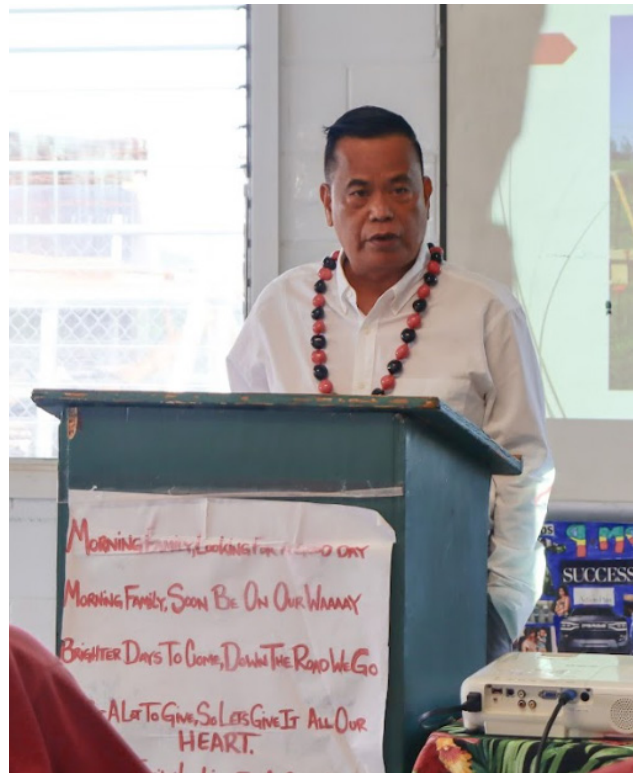
The Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) hosted a graduation ceremony on February 6, 2026, for 11 men who completed the Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The completion of the six-week program provides participants with direct entry into the Hawai'i Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Fund (HCATF) Apprenticeship Program when the men reenter the community upon release. The program is available to inmates at the WCF and Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC), thanks to a partnership between DCR, Honolulu Community College and HCATF.

DCR Director Tommy Johnson extended his sincere gratitude to facility staff and community partners for their shared commitment and providing the men with in-demand skills that will prepare them for successful reintegration into the community. Johnson also commended the graduates on their achievements. *"All of the graduates took the initiative to participate in this program, a program that will open many doors for them. We are very proud of their accomplishments,"* Johnson said.

Participants in the program acquire essential carpentry skills such as blueprint reading, framing, and drywall installation. Students are also trained in Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards, first aid and CPR. Honolulu Community College Chancellor Karen Lee lauded the men's *"hard work and determination as they build their skills to eventually enter Hawai'i's workforce."*

During the ceremony, HCATF Executive Director Edmund Aczon praised the men. *"We're extremely proud of this year's cohort of graduates and look forward to having them join the apprenticeship program when they're able to work and contribute to the growth and success of the construction industry. This program has been incredibly successful in giving them a sense of purpose while providing a viable career pathway,"* Aczon said.

WCF Educational Supervisor Kerry Iwashita said inmates consistently request to participate in the program. *"We hope to have additional ones like it in the future,"* Iwashita said. To date, a total of 54 graduates, 41 from WCF and 13 from WCCC, have completed the carpentry pre-apprenticeship program since its inception in 2023.



HCATF Executive Director Edmund Aczon



Program graduates are joined by DCR Education Services Branch Manager Roseanne Propato, DCR Deputy Director Melanie Martin and Hawai'i Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Fund Executive Director Edmund Aczon.

WCCC Inmates Graduate from Mental Health Technician Program

On January 30, 2026, the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) hosted a graduation ceremony for 10 inmates who completed Windward Community College's (WCC) Mental Health Technician Program.

The program was made possible through DCR's partnership with WCC's Pu'uhonua Program which offers college coursework to equip incarcerated individuals with skills as well as foster personal growth and successful reentry upon their release. The program consists of three courses: survey of psychology, conflict resolution and mediation, as well as abnormal psychology. The women earned a Mental Health Certificate of Competence, which provides foundational training for those interested in entering the field.

Trained mental health technicians are in high demand in Hawai'i with healthcare organizations, assisted living facilities and the Hawai'i State Hospital seeking to fill positions. Under the instruction of health practitioners, mental health technicians monitor a patient's health and well-being in addition to helping patients with daily tasks and medication management.

At the ceremony, DCR Director Tommy Johnson congratulated the women for their achievements and thanked facility staff and WCC for their commitment. *"The Mental Health Technician Program provides knowledge and job skills to those in our custody and care to prepare them for reentry into the community,"* Johnson said. *"The program aligns with our goals of providing support to incarcerated individuals and reducing recidivism,"* he added. *"Our community partners play an instrumental role in those efforts."*

DCR Deputy Director Sanna Muñoz addressed graduates and commended them for their accomplishments. *"By getting to this moment, standing here, you have demonstrated your strength, your courage, your commitment, your dedication and your resolve. You are remarkable individuals,"* Muñoz said. She also recognized the facility's educational staff and WCC for their shared commitment in providing opportunities to incarcerated individuals. *"Truly, we thank you for continuing to believe and support our common purpose to transform lives and prepare the women for successful reintegration upon their release,"* Muñoz said.



Graduates and Supporters at WCCC Program Ceremony

If any of the graduates opt to further their education, the nine credits earned through the Mental Health Technician Program will appear on their University of Hawai'i transcripts. After the ceremony, graduate Tiare Kuehnl said she plans to pursue a degree in psychology. *"I would love to work with people who have mental health issues because it takes a level of patience and understanding. I think I would have an added layer, a unique perspective coming where I came from and going through all the things that I've been through, to have that kind empathy for somebody else, especially people who are dual diagnosis,"* she said.

WCC Chancellor Ardis Eschenberg, Ph.D. was among the guests that attended the ceremony. *"We're really proud of them,"* Eschenberg said. *"Today's graduates bring hope and light to our communities. They are acquiring skills and knowledge that help them now and are vital to the communities they will return to,"* she said. She also expressed her appreciation for WCC's strong partnership with DCR. *"This is really not just about education. It's about collaboration to make our communities and state stronger,"* Eschenberg said.

WCCC Education Supervisor Kaha'e Maikai-lakopo also praised the graduates for their dedication. *"Graduation today is more than just a ceremony, it's a recognition of your hard work, your dedication and your commitment to a field that changes lives every single day. Each of you have demonstrated these qualities through your training and today marks the beginning of your incredible journey where you will make a real difference in the world,"* Maikai-lakopo said.

Difference Between Jails and Prisons

While the terms “jail” and “prison” are often used interchangeably, they actually refer to two very different types of facilities that serve different purposes and function in different ways. When someone is accused of a crime and arrested, jail is usually the first stop in the criminal justice system, serving as the booking and holding location. Jails provide the secure environment needed for the temporary detention of individuals accused of a crime, but who have not completed the trial process. Persons may also remain in jail if they could not meet conditions for bail or may not have qualified for bail. While some individuals remain in jail for a short while, minutes or hours, before being released, others may be held longer before they are released or transferred to another facility.

Jails are also used to house individuals who have been convicted of a low-level crime and received a short sentence (typically less than one year). Individuals convicted of a serious crime and who received an extended sentence (more than one year) are incarcerated in a prison. Think “short-term” and “long-term” with jail applying to short-term misdemeanor convictions and prison applying to long-term felony convictions.

In Hawai‘i, the jail population is under the jurisdiction of the courts and individuals in jail can only be released, placed in outside programs or assigned to other alternatives to incarceration by the courts. In contrast, a prison facility houses inmates that have been convicted and classified. Jails may oversee work release programs and some offer services designed to help the individuals change their behavior so they stand a better chance of avoiding a return stay. The difference between a jail and a prison may seem relatively minor on the surface, but there is a significant impact on the types of services that must be provided and how they are operated.



Length of Stay: Jails are used primarily for short-term detention.



Jurisdiction: Jails are typically operated by local law enforcement agencies.



Type of Offense: Jails are commonly used to hold individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or have been sentenced for minor crimes.



Programs and Services: Jails offer some programs and services aimed at helping individuals successfully reenter society upon release.

We Want to Hear From You

DCR continually seeks input from community leaders and members about plans for the new O‘ahu jail and in response Project Team representatives attend meetings of the ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board #20, the ‘Aiea Community Association, and the Hawai‘i Correctional Systems Oversight Commission, as well as engaging with state and local officials, the media and others. In addition to reporting progress and accomplishments in advancing plans for the new O‘ahu jail, these forums are opportunities for DCR to seek input, advice and guidance from officials, stakeholders and the public. Contact the City and County of Honolulu, Neighborhood Commission Office for information about how to participate at an upcoming ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting (Tel: 808-768-3710/email: nco@honolulu.gov). For information about upcoming meetings of the ‘Aiea Community Association and how to participate, visit <http://www.aieacommunity.org>.

In addition to distributing newsletters to over 1,800 elected and appointed officials, government agencies, media outlets, volunteer groups and members of the public, DCR maintains the new O‘ahu jail website, **NewOahuJail.hawaii.gov**, which provides access to project-related materials, documents outreach efforts and facilitates the public’s ability to offer ideas and suggestions or ask questions. Interested parties can also request to receive future announcements and notifications by submitting your contact information (name, affiliation if any and email address) to: robert.nardi@wsp.com.





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Rendering of entrance to new O'ahu jail. Renderings are subject to change. No final design of the proposed facility has been approved.

Upcoming Activities

The following activities are anticipated in the months ahead.

<p>April 2026</p>	<p>Construction of new housing unit continues at Maui CCC.</p> <p>Hawai'i Legislative session continues.</p> <p>Planning for new Kaua'i CCC continues.</p> <p>Public outreach and engagement continues with attendance at 'Aiea Neighborhood Board, 'Aiea Community Association, and Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission meetings.</p>
<p>May 2026</p>	<p>Construction of new housing unit continues at Maui CCC.</p> <p>Hawai'i Legislative session concludes.</p> <p>Planning for new Kaua'i CCC continues.</p> <p>Public outreach and engagement continues with attendance at 'Aiea Neighborhood Board, 'Aiea Community Association and Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission meetings.</p>
<p>June 2026</p>	<p>Construction of new housing unit continues at Maui CCC.</p> <p>Planning for new Kaua'i CCC continues.</p> <p>Public outreach and engagement continues with attendance at 'Aiea Neighborhood Board, 'Aiea Community Association and Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission meetings.</p>

Interested in Learning More?

DCR distributes newsletters to more than 1,800 elected and appointed officials, government agencies, media outlets, volunteer groups and members of the public. For the latest information about the new O'ahu jail project, including project-related materials and FAQs, go to: dcr.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans/. To receive (via email) future announcements, newsletters and other notifications, please submit your contact information (name, affiliation if any and email address) to: robert.nardi@wsp.com.

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