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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENDER PARITY IN PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 367D-1,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires parity in the programming
3 offered to women and men incarcerated in the State's
4 correctional facilities. More specifically, the section
5 provides that:

6 Adult women convicted of crimes and juvenile females
7 adjudicated for offenses that would be crimes if
8 committed by an adult or who are adjudicated delinquents
9 shall be provided a range and quality of programming
10 substantially equivalent to the range and quality of
11 programming offered to male persons who are similarly
12 situated.

13 These programs include educational development, job training,
14 substance abuse and cognitive-behavioral treatment services, and
15 cultural practices.

16 The legislature further finds that, based on the
17 information provided in the department of public safety's



1 December 2021 report to the legislature on gender responsive
2 community based programs for women, parity does not appear to
3 exist with respect to the range and quality of programming that
4 is currently available to female and male inmates in the State.

5 The purpose of this Act is to require the university of
6 Hawaii to conduct a comparative study of all programming offered
7 to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities in the State,
8 for the purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered to
9 female inmates.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The university of Hawaii shall conduct a
11 comparative study of all programming offered to persons
12 incarcerated at correctional facilities in the State, for the
13 purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered to female
14 inmates. The comparative study shall include the following:

15 (1) Identification of any disparities in the range and
16 quality of programming offered to female inmates and
17 programming offered to male inmates; and

18 (2) Recommendations of potential sources of funding to
19 facilitate parity in the range and quality of
20 programming that is offered to female and male inmates
21 in the State.



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1 (b) The university of Hawaii shall submit the comparative
2 study, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no
3 later than December 1, 2023.

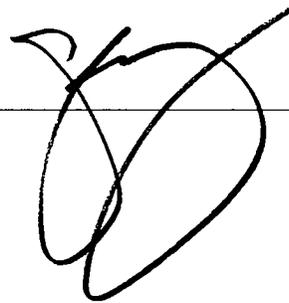
4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$120,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
7 comparative study required by section 2 of this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Thompson
9 School of Social Work and Public Health of the university of
10 Hawaii at Manoa for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Corrections; Inmates; Programming; Gender Parity; UH; Study

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii to conduct a comparative study of all programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities in the State, for the purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered to female inmates. Requires that the study be submitted to the Legislature by 12/1/2023. Appropriates funds.

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