

---

# 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, section 367D-1,  
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that female prisoners "shall  
6 be provided a range and quality of programming substantially  
7 equivalent to the range and quality of programming offered to  
8 male persons who are similarly situated." These programs  
9 include educational development, job training, substance abuse  
10 and cognitive-behavioral treatment services, and cultural  
11 practices.

12           The legislature further finds that, based on the  
13 information provided in the department of public safety's  
14 December 2021 report to the legislature on gender responsive  
15 community based programs for women, parity does not appear to  
16 exist with respect to the range and quality of programming that  
17 is currently available to female and male inmates in the State.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
2 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice as a grant to conduct a  
3 study of programming offered to persons incarcerated at  
4 correctional facilities and convene a group of incarcerated  
5 women for the purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered  
6 to female inmates.

7           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a  
10 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the  
11 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to conduct a study of  
12 programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional  
13 facilities and convene a group of incarcerated women to help  
14 identify gaps in programming offered to female inmates; provided  
15 that the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice shall use the  
16 report of the task force convened by House Concurrent Resolution  
17 No. 85, Regular Session of 2016, as a model to provide  
18 recommendations to improve outcomes for incarcerated women;  
19 provided further that the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice  
20 shall consult with the interagency council on intermediate  
21 sanctions and correctional program checklist committee when



1 conducting the study and making recommendations to improve  
2 outcomes for incarcerated women; provided further that the  
3 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice shall submit the study,  
4 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
5 than June 30, 2024.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice; Corrections; Inmates;  
Programming; Gender Parity; Study; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice as a grant to conduct a study of all programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities and convene a group of incarcerated women for the purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered to female inmates. Requires that the study be submitted to the Legislature by 6/30/2024. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

