
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 appropriate funds to the
6 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and Women's Prison Project
7 as a grant to conduct a study of programming offered to persons
8 incarcerated at correctional facilities and to convene a group
9 of incarcerated women for the purpose of identifying gaps in
10 programming offered to female inmates.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$120,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a grant
14 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii
15 Friends of Restorative Justice and Women's Prison Project to
16 conduct a study of programming offered to persons incarcerated
17 at correctional facilities and convene a group of incarcerated
18 women to help identify gaps in programming offered to female
19 inmates; provided that the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice
20 and Women's Prison Project shall use the House Concurrent
21 Resolution No. 85 (2019) task force's report as a model to



1 provide recommendations to improve outcomes for incarcerated
2 women; provided further that the Hawaii Friends of Restorative
3 Justice shall consult the interagency council on intermediate
4 sanctions and correctional program checklist committee when
5 conducting the study and making recommendations to improve
6 outcomes for incarcerated women; provided further that the
7 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and Women's Prison Project
8 shall submit the study, including any proposed legislation, to
9 the legislature no later than December 1, 2023.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
11 the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice; Women's Prison Project; Corrections; Inmates; Programming; Gender Parity; Study; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and Women's Prison Project as a chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 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 12/1/2023. (SD1)

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