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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

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

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PART I. OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM

SECTION 1. The Legislature recognized the importance of a
comprehensive offender reentry system to help ex-offenders to
reintegrate back into the community and reduce recidivism and
passed Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to this
purpose.

Currently, the department of public safety serves offenders 7 through a system of programs and services for the purpose of 8 reintegrating offenders back into Hawaii's communities. From 9 in-depth assessments of offenders' risks and needs to 10 transitional programs for individuals exiting the correctional 11 system, the department of public safety's existing programs and 12 services build a solid foundation for Hawaii's offender reentry 13 efforts. In order for the department to fundamentally implement 14 15 the comprehensive offender reentry plan, as set forth in Act 8, Special Session 2007, more flexibility needs to be provided to 16 the department in relation to already existing reentry programs 17 and services. 18

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The department of public safety must take into 1 2 consideration both resource availability and implementation feasibility in regard to various provisions of Act 8. 3 In its current form, Act 8 requires the department of public safety to 4 implement a series of services and programs with little 5 flexibility or lead time. Particularly, the return of out-of-6 State prisoners one year prior to their parole date will not 7 only increase the costs of providing bed space and services to 8 inmates, it will also overtax an already over-capacity 9 10 correctional system. When other services and programs required by Act 8 are also considered, which together will provide over 11 thirty programs and services to offenders and their families; it 12 becomes impossible for the department to be in compliance within 13 14 the short time frame mandated by law as considerations need to be made for how these new programs will fit into already 15 existing offender reentry efforts. Recidivism and offender 16 reentry are long-term problems that require long-term solutions. 17 18 The legislature recognizes the need for creativity in dealing with Hawaii's offender reentry process. In order to 19 adequately implement Act 8, it is crucial to provide more 20 discretion, which will allow the department to prioritize 21

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programs and resources for the most effective implementation of
 Act 8.

Finally, while the department of public safety understands 3 4 the need to provide offenders with a smoother transition process, some of the programs and services mandated by Act 8 are 5 not conducive to good governance at correctional facilities. In 6 particular, a provision that mandates the department to allow 7 ex-offenders to contact persons who are still imprisoned through 8 9 the use of technology, such as video conferencing, can 10 unintentionally allow criminal activity to continue under the quise of mentorship. The department emphasizes the need to 11 ensure the safety of inmates, staff, and the public by making 12 13 security considerations a priority.

14 The purpose of this part is to clarify the expectations and 15 duties of the department of public safety, in collaboration with 16 other state and private agencies in order to jointly plan, 17 implement, and comply with the programs and requirements of the 18 comprehensive offender reentry system.

19 SECTION 2. Section 353H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is20 amended to read as follows:

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"[**{**]§353H-3[**}**] Offender reentry system plan[; creation].

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The department of public safety shall develop a 1 (a) comprehensive and effective offender reentry system plan for 2 adult offenders exiting the prison system. 3 (b) The department of public safety shall coordinate with 4 the Hawaii paroling authority, department of human services and 5 the department of health, and other public and private agencies 6 and individuals as necessary to develop and continuously update 7 comprehensive reentry plans and curricula for individuals exiting 8 correctional facilities in order to reduce recidivism and 9 10 increase a person's successful reentry into the community. The reentry plans [shall] may include[, but mot limited to]: 11 Adopting an operational philosophy that considers that 12 (1) offender reentry begins on the day an offender enters 13 the correctional system. Each offender entering the 14 15 system [shall] should be assessed to determine the offender's needs in order to assist the individual 16 offender with developing the skills necessary to be 17 successful in the community; 18 (2) Providing appropriate programs, including, but not 19 limited to, education, substance abuse treatment, 20 cognitive skills development, vocational and employment 21

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| 1 | | training, and other programs that help to meet the | |
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| 2 | | assessed needs of each individual; | |
| 3 | (3) | Developing a comprehensive network of transitional | |
| 4 | | programs to address the needs of individuals exiting | |
| 5 | | the correctional system; | |
| 6 | (4) | Ensuring that all reentry programs are gender- | |
| 7 | | responsive; | |
| 8 | (5) | Issuing requests for proposals from community-based | |
| 9 | | nonprofit programs with experience with offenders in | |
| 10 | | the area of reentry; and | |
| 11 | (6) | Instituting model reentry programs for adult | |
| 12 | | offenders." | |
| 13 | SECT | ION 3. Section 353H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is | |
| 14 | amended to read as follows: | | |
| 15 | "[+]§353H-4[+] Model programs; department of public | | |
| 16 | safety. Subject to funding by the legislature, the department of | | |
| 17 | public safety shall enhance the State's comprehensive offender | | |
| 18 | reentry system by developing model programs designed to reduce | | |
| 19 | recidivism and promote successful reentry into the community. | | |
| 20 | Component | s of the model programs [shall] <u>may</u> include [but are not | |
| 21 | limited-to]: | | |

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- (1) Highly skilled staff who are experienced in working
 with offender reentry programs;
- 3 (2) Individualized case management and a full continuum of
 4 care to ensure successful reentry;
- 5 (3) Life skills development workshops, including budgeting,
 6 money management, nutrition, and exercise; development
 7 of self-determination through education; employment
 8 training; special education for the learning disabled;
 9 social, cognitive, communication, and life skills
 10 training; and appropriate treatment programs, including
 11 substance abuse and mental health treatment;
- (4) Parenting and relationship building classes. The
 department [shall] may institute policies that support
 family cohesion and family participation in offenders'
 transition to the community, and, where possible,
 provide geographical proximity of offenders to their

17 children and families; and

18 (5) Ongoing attention to building support for offenders
 19 from communities, community agencies, and
 20 organizations."

21 SECTION 4. Section 353H-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:

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| 1 | " [+] | §353H-5[]] Children of incarcerated parents; families. | |
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| 2 | The director of public safety shall[+] coordinate with department | | |
| 3 | of human | services, the Hawaii paroling authority, and the | |
| 4 | departmen | t of health as necessary to: | |
| 5 | (1) | Establish policies or rules that parent inmates be | |
| 6 | | placed in correctional facilities, with consideration | |
| 7 | | given to the safety of staff, inmates and the best | |
| 8 | | interests of the inmates and their families[, in the | |
| 9 | | best-interest of the family, rather than on economic or | |
| 10 | | administrative factors]; | |
| 11 | (2) | Consider as a factor an offender's capacity to maintain | |
| 12 | | parent-child contact when making prison placements of | |
| 13 | | offenders; | |
| 14 | (3) | [Conduct, coordinate, or promote] Obtain support from | |
| 15 | | the department of human services in any research that | |
| 16 | | examines the impact of a parent's incarceration on the | |
| 17 | | well-being of the offender's child that shall include | |
| 18 | | both direct contact with an offender's child, as well | |
| 19 | | as reports of caregivers, to the extent possible within | |
| 20 | | existing resources; and | |
| 21 | (4) | [Conduct, coordinate, or promote] Obtain support from | |
| 22 | | the department of human services in any research that | |

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1 focuses on the relationship of incarcerated fathers with their children and the long-term impact of 2 incarceration on fathers and their children to the 3 extent possible within existing resources." 4 SECTION 5. Section 353H-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended to read as follows: 6 "[+]§353H-7[+] Return of out-of-state inmates. (a) 7 The director of public safety shall, when the department determines 8 it is practical and financially feasible, and the safety of 9 staff, inmates, and the public are not endangered, return Hawaii 10 inmates held in out-of-state prisons at least one year prior to 11 the inmate's parole or release date in order for these inmates to 12 participate in programs preparing them for reentry on the island 13 14 where they have the most support; provided that inmates participating in reentry programs at the mainland facility in 15 which they are incarcerated consent to the return. 16 17 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prevent the return of other Hawaii inmates held in out-of-state prisons with 18 less than one year left of their sentence from being returned in 19 preparation for reentry to the island where they have the most 20 support. 21

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(c) The department of public safety shall provide a report 1 2 to the legislature at the end of each calendar year on any inmates not returned pursuant to this section with an explanation 3 of the reasoning and circumstances for noncompliance." 4 SECTION 6. Section 353H-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended to read as follows: 6 7 "[{]\$353H-31[}] Adult offender reentry programs and services. (a) The director of public safety may authorize 8 purchase of service contracts, in accordance with chapter 103F, 9 subject to legislative or other appropriate funding, for adult 10 11 offender reentry programs and services that establish or improve the offender reentry system and in which each adult offender in 12 state correctional custody is provided an individualized reentry 13 plan. 14 (b) Subject to funding by the legislature or other 15 appropriate sources, the department of public safety [shall] may 16 authorize the purchase of service contracts for activities that: 17 (1) Coordinate the supervision and services provided to 18 adult offenders in state custody with the supervision 19 and services provided to offenders who have reentered 20 the community; 21

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| 1 | (2) | [Coordinate-efforts of various public and private |
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| 2 | | entities to provide] Support the Hawaii paroling |
| 3 | | authority, the department of human services, and other |
| 4 | | agencies in their effort to coordinate supervision and |
| 5 | | services to ex-offenders after reentry into the |
| 6 | | community with the offenders' family members; |
| 7 | (3) | Provide offenders awaiting reentry into the community |
| 8 | | with documents, such as identification papers, |
| 9 | | referrals to services, medical prescriptions, job |
| 10 | | training certificates, apprenticeship papers, |
| 11 | | information on obtaining public assistance, and other |
| 12 | | documents useful in achieving a successful transition |
| 13 | | from prison; |
| 14 | (4) | Involve county agencies whose programs and initiatives |
| 15 | | strengthen offender reentry services for individuals |
| 16 | | who have been returned to the county of their |
| 17 | | jurisdiction; |
| 18 | [(5) | - Allow ex-offenders who have reentered the community to |
| 19 | | continue to contact mentors who remain incarcerated |
| 20 | | through the use of technology, such as |
| 21 | | videoconferencing, or encourage mentors in prison to |
| 22 | | support the ex offenders' reentry process;] |

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| 1 | [(6) Provide] <u>(5)</u> Coordinate with the Hawaii paroling |
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| 2 | authority, the department of human services, and the |
| 3 | Hawaii public housing authority to provide structured |
| 4 | programs, post-release housing, and transitional |
| 5 | housing, including group homes for recovering substance |
| 6 | abusers, through which offenders are provided |
| 7 | supervision and services immediately following reentry |
| 8 | into the community; |
| 9 | [(7) Assist] <u>(6) Coordinate with the Hawaii paroling</u> |
| 10 | authority, the department of human services, and the |
| 11 | Hawaii public housing authority to assist offenders in |
| 12 | securing permanent housing upon release or following a |
| 13 | stay in transitional housing; |
| 14 | [(8) Continue] (7) Coordinate with the Hawaii paroling |
| 15 | authority, the department of human services, and the |
| 16 | department of health to link offenders with health |
| 17 | resources and health services that were provided to |
| 18 | them when they were in state custody, including mental |
| 19 | health, substance abuse treatment, aftercare, and |
| 20 | treatment services for contagious diseases; |
| 21 | [(9)] (8) Provide education, job training, English as a |
| 22 | second language programs, work experience programs, |

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| 1 | self-respect and life-skills training, and other skills | | | | |
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| 2 | needed to achieve self-sufficiency for a successful | | | | |
| 3 | transition from prison; | | | | |
| 4 | [(10) Facilitate] <u>(9) Coordinate with the department of</u> | | | | |
| 5 | labor and industrial relations, the department of tax, | | | | |
| 6 | the Hawaii paroling authority, the university of Hawaii | | | | |
| 7 | and its community colleges, and trade unions to | | | | |
| 8 | facilitate collaboration among corrections | | | | |
| 9 | administrators, technical schools, community colleges, | | | | |
| 10 | and the workforce development and employment service | | | | |
| 11 | sectors to ensure efforts to: | | | | |
| 12 | (A) Promote, where appropriate, the employment of | | | | |
| 13 | persons released from prison, through efforts such | | | | |
| 14 | as educating employers about existing financial | | | | |
| 15 | incentives, and facilitate the creation of job | | | | |
| 16 | opportunities, including transitional jobs, for | | | | |
| 17 | such persons that will also benefit communities; | | | | |
| 18 | (B) Connect offenders to employment, including | | | | |
| 19 | supportive employment and employment services, | | | | |
| 20 | before their release to the community; and | | | | |

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| 1 | (C) Address barriers to employment, including | | |
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| 2 | obtaining a driver's license; or other acceptable | | |
| 3 | government issued identification; | | |
| 4 | [+11+] (10) Assess the literacy and educational needs of | | |
| 5 | offenders in custody and [provide] recommend | | |
| 6 | appropriate services to meet those needs, including | | |
| 7 | follow-up assessments and long-term services; | | |
| 8 | [(12) Address] (11) Work with other public and private | | |
| 9 | agencies to address systems under which family members | | |
| 10 | of offenders are involved with facilitating the | | |
| 11 | successful reentry of those offenders into the | | |
| 12 | community, including removing obstacles to the | | |
| 13 | maintenance of family relationships while the offender | | |
| 14 | is in custody, strengthening the family's capacity to | | |
| 15 | establish and maintain a stable living situation during | | |
| 16 | the reentry process where appropriate, and involving | | |
| 17 | family members in the planning and implementation of | | |
| 18 | the reentry process; | | |
| 19 | $[\frac{(13)}{(12)}]$ Include victims, on a voluntary basis, in the | | |
| 20 | offender's reentry process; | | |
| 21 | [(14) Facilitate] <u>(13) Promote</u> visitation and maintenance | | |
| 22 | of family relationships with respect to offenders in | | |

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| 1 | custody by addressing obstacles such as travel, |
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| 2 | telephone costs, mail restrictions, and restrictive |
| 3 | visitation policies[7], subject to security |
| 4 | requirements that ensure the safety of the public, the |
| 5 | staff, the inmate, and other inmates; |
| 6 | [(15) Identify and address barriers to collaborating with |
| 7 | child welfare] (14) Coordinate with public and private |
| 8 | agencies [in the provision of] to jointly provide |
| 9 | services [jointly] to offenders in custody and to the . |
| 10 | children of those offenders if determined necessary; |
| 11 | $[\frac{(16)}{(15)}]$ Collect information, to the best of the |
| 12 | department's ability, regarding dependent children of |
| 13 | incarcerated persons as part of intake procedures, |
| 14 | including the number of children, age, and location or |
| 15 | jurisdiction for the exclusive purpose of connecting |
| 16 | identified children of incarcerated parents with |
| 17 | appropriate services and compiling statistical |
| 18 | information; |
| 19 | [(17)—Address] <u>(16)</u> Consider barriers to the visitation of |
| 20 | children with an incarcerated parent, and maintenance |
| 21 | of the parent-child relationship, such as the location |
| 22 | of facilities in remote areas, telephone costs, mail |

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| 1 | restrictions, and visitation policies $[+]$, subject to |
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| 2 | security requirements; |
| 3 | [(18) Create, develop,] <u>(17) Develop</u> or enhance prisoner |
| 4 | and family assessments curricula, policies, procedures, |
| 5 | or programs, including mentoring programs, to help |
| 6 | prisoners with a history or identified risk of domestic |
| 7 | violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking |
| 8 | reconnect with their families and communities, as |
| 9 | appropriate, and become mutually respectful; |
| 10 | [(19) Develop] (18) <u>Obtain the assistance of the</u> |
| 11 | department of human services and the department of |
| 12 | education in the development of voluntary programs and |
| 13 | activities that support parent-child relationships to |
| 14 | the extent possible within existing resources, such as: |
| 15 | (A) Using telephone conferencing to permit |
| 16 | incarcerated parents to participate in parent- |
| 17 | teacher conferences; |
| 18 | (B) Using videoconferencing to allow virtual |
| 19 | visitation when incarcerated persons are more than |
| 20 | one hundred miles from their families; |

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| 1 | (C) Developing books on tape programs, through which |
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| 2 | incarcerated parents read a book into a tape to be |
| 3 | sent to their children; |
| 4 | (D) The establishment of family days, which provide |
| 5 | for longer visitation hours or family activities; |
| 6 | or |
| 7 | (E) The creation of children's areas in visitation |
| 8 | rooms with parent-child activities; |
| 9 | [(20) Expand] (19) Assist the department of human services |
| 10 | and the Hawaii paroling authority in developing family- |
| 11 | based treatment centers that offer family-based |
| 12 | comprehensive treatment services for parents and their |
| 13 | children as a complete family unit to the extent |
| 14 | possible within existing resources; |
| 15 | [(21) Conduct] (20) Assist the university of Hawaii in |
| 16 | conducting studies to determine who is returning to |
| 17 | prison and which of those returning prisoners represent |
| 18 | the greatest risk to community safety; |
| 19 | [(22) Develop] <u>(21) Assist the Hawaii paroling authority to</u> |
| 20 | further develop or adopt procedures to ensure that |
| 21 | dangerous felons are not released from prison |
| 22 | prematurely; |

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| 1 | [(23) Develop and implement procedures to assist relevant |
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| 2 | authorities in determining when release is appropriate |
| 3 | and in the use of data to inform the release decision;] |
| 4 | [(24)] (22) Utilize validated assessment tools to assess |
| 5 | the risk factors of returning offenders to the |
| 6 | community and prioritizing services based on risk; |
| 7 | [(25)] <u>(23)</u> Facilitate and encourage timely and complete |
| 8 | payment of restitution and fines by ex-offenders to |
| 9 | victims and the community; and |
| 10 | [(26) Consider establishing the use of reentry courts to: |
| 11 | (A) Monitor offenders returning to the community; |
| 12 | (B) Provide returning offenders with: |
| 13 | - (i) Drug and alcohol testing and treatment; and |
| 14 | (ii) Mental and medical health assessment |
| 15 | services; |
| 16 | (C) Facilitate restorative justice practices and |
| 17 | convene family or community impact panels, family |
| 18 | impact educational classes, victim impact panels, |
| 19 | or victim impact educational classes; |
| 20 | (D) Provide and coordinate the delivery of other |
| 21 | community services to offenders, including: |
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-(ii) -- Education; 1 (iii) -- Employment training; 2 -(iv) -- Children and family support; 3 4 -(vi) - Family violence intervention programs; and 5 (vii) Other appropriate social services; and 6 7 (E) -- Establish and implement graduated sanctions and incentives; and] 8 [(27) Provide] (24) Assist the Hawaii paroling authority 9 by providing technology and other tools necessary to 10 [advance] enhance post-release supervision." 11 12 PART II. OFFENDER REENTRY LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 13 SECTION 7. Prior to the establishment of the offender 14 reentry legislative oversight committee, the legislature already 15 had the ability to analyze, evaluate, and review operations at 16 the department of public safety; as well as conduct site visits 17 and meet publicly to receive input regarding the department. 18 The purpose of this part is to repeal the offender reentry 19 legislative oversight committee as it does not add to the duties 20 and functions of the legislature. 21

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SECTION 8. Chapter 353H, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
 is repealed.

"[{\$353H-21}-Legislative oversight committee; established. 3 4 There is established a legislative oversight committee to ensure transparency in the operations of the department, analyze the 5 effectiveness of the department's governance, operations, and 6 administration of its programs and services, evaluate the 7 department's purchase of community based programs and services, 8 and review any other issues impacting the department. The 9 legislative oversight committee shall conduct site visits and 10 11 have access to all areas in correctional facilities, within the constraints of safety and security. The legislative oversight 12 13 committee shall meet publicly for input and recommendations for the department. The legislative oversight committee shall be 14 15 composed of members of the standing committees of both houses of the legislature whose purview is to oversee the department. The 16 legislative oversight committee shall be jointly chaired by the 17 legislative standing committees' respective chairs.]" 18 19 PART III. PILOT DAY REPORTING CENTER 20

21 SECTION 9. The department of public safety will encounter22 much difficulty in implementing a pilot day reporting center if

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provided with only one year of funding. One year is not an 1 adequate amount of time for the department to locate, open, 2 3 staff, and operate a pilot day reporting center. Moreover, it is also not an adequate amount of time to collect accurate and 4 representative data regarding the effectiveness of the center. 5 In order to properly develop a day reporting center that 6 7 successfully responds to the needs of offenders, more than one 8 year is needed for planning and operation. It would be a 9 disservice to the offenders the department is attempting to assist if the established center disappears one year later. 10 11 The purpose of this part is to repeal the establishment of a pilot day reporting center and to instead re-appropriate 12

13 associated funding to develop and implement an enhanced offender14 monitoring and supervision system.

15 SECTION 10. Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is16 amended by repealing sections 6 and 7.

17 "[SECTION 6. The department of public safety, through its 18 intake service centers and education divisions, shall establish a 19 one year pilot day reporting center that will be available to two 20 hundred offenders who have six months to one year left to serve 21 on their sentence. The center shall offer a continuum of 22 services to prepare offenders for transition and reintegration

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| 1 | into the community. The center staff shall consist of a program |
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| 2 | director, counselors, social workers, and other professional and |
| 3 | clerical staff. The ideal ratio of counselors to offenders shall |
| 4 | be one counselor for every twenty five offenders. The ideal |
| 5 | ratio of social workers to offenders shall be one social worker |
| 6 | for every fifteen offenders. The department of public safety may |
| 7 | contract with a private or not for profit agency for the |
| 8 | necessary services to carry out the purposes of this part. |
| 9 | SECTION-7. The department of public safety shall submit, no |
| 10 | later than twenty days prior to the start of the 2008 and 2009 |
| 11 | regular sessions of the legislature, a written report on: |
| 12 | (1) The outcome of the pilot project; |
| 13 | (2) Cost analysis and an accounting of expenses; |
| 14 | (3) Relevant data on program participants; |
| 15 | (4) Program and management evaluations; and |
| 16 | (5) Any other pertinent information, recommendations, or |
| 17 | proposed legislation, if any, to determine whether the |
| 18 | program-should-be continued.]" |
| 19 | SECTION 11. Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is |
| 20 | amended by amending section 8 to read as follows: |
| 21 | "SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general |
| 22 | revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,820,000 or so much |

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thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year [2007-2008] 2008-2009 1 for the [establishment of a one-year pilot day reporting center] 2 development and implementation of an enhanced offender monitoring 3 and supervision system. 4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 5 6 public safety, who may contract with a private or nonprofit agency to operate [the day reporting center for the purposes of 7 8 this part.] and maintain the system." 9 PART IV. COGNITIVE RESTRUCTURING PILOT PROGRAM 10 The department of public safety supports the 11 SECTION 12. establishment of cognitive restructuring programs. However, it 12 is in the best interest of the offenders if program sites are not 13 pre-selected without consideration for the needs of individual 14 offender populations at various correctional sites. The 15 department of public safety should be authorized to designate 16 location of programs as a means of ensuring that programs and 17 18 services are allocated to offenders who are in the best position to take advantage of them and benefit the most from them. 19 The purpose of this part is to amend the appropriation 20 provision to allow the department to establish cognitive 21

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restructuring pilot programs at any correctional site it deems
 most appropriate.

SECTION 13. Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is 3 amended by amending sections 19 and 20 to read as follows: 4 "SECTION 19. The cognitive restructuring pilot program 5 shall be established by the department of public safety at a 6 location or locations determined by the department and teach 7 specific skills that include problem solving, social skills 8 training, anger management, and empathy training. [The cognitive 9 restructuring pilot program shall be established in the county of 10 11 Hawaii at Kulani correctional facility, Hawaii community 12 correctional center, and Hale Nani reintegration center.] SECTION 20. There is appropriated out of the general 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$33,000 or so much 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year [2007-2008] 2008-2009 15 for a cognitive restructuring pilot program [to be established in 16 the county of Hawaii at Kulani correctional facility, Hawaii 17 community correctional center, and Hale Nani reintegration 18 center]." 19 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 21

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| 1 | SECTION 15. | This Act shall take effect upon its approval. |
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| 3 | | INTRODUCED BY: |
| 4 | | BY REQUEST |



Report Title: Comprehensive offender reentry

Description:

Amends the parameters of the comprehensive offender reentry system program (Act 8 of 2007) to ensure its provisions are in compliance with good governance of correctional facilities. Eliminates provisions allowing contact between former inmates and those still in prison, requires return of out-of-state prisoners only when safety of staff and inmates is not endangered, and involves relevant State agencies in helping with family, education, and housing needs of inmates. JUSTIFICATION SHEET

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DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC SAFETY

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: To clarify the parameters of the offender reentry program.

MEANS: Amend sections 353H-3, 353H-4, 353H-5, 353H-7, and 353H-31, Hawaii Revised Status, and sections 8, 17, 19, and 20 of Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, and repeal part II of chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and sections 6 and 7 of Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

JUSTIFICATION: In order to comply with the requirements of this act, clarification is needed to identify the different departments required to work jointly to plan, implement, and evaluate the comprehensive offender reentry system.

> Amendments and repeals of provisions are made for the purposes of improving the implementation process and allowing the department to prioritize programs and services in relation to resource availability and implementation feasibility.

Impact on the public: There should be a positive impact on the public as this measure should enhance effective government operations and eliminate duplicative functions.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This act clarifies the responsibilities in the joint effort between agencies to implement the programs required by this statute.

GENERAL FUND: Reappropriates \$1,853,000 for clarified purposes.

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| OTHER | FUNDS: | None |
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PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: Hawaii Paroling Authority, Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Tax, Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the University of Hawaii.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.

None.