A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a promising approach

2 to reducing recidivism and helping inmates make the successful

3 transition from prison to the community is through establishing

4 transition programs at correctional facilities that can foster a

5 connection to an inmate's cultural ancestry. When combined with

6 strategies that help Hawaiian inmates reconnect with the values

7 of Hawaiian culture, the transition programs can help break the

8 vicious cycle of crime and punishment as knowledge of cultural

9 values have helped many cope with social challenges.

10   The Kulani correctional facility, in collaboration with the

11 Hawaii community college, has developed a greenhouse program in

12 which inmates build and maintain the facilities, grow native

13 plants, raise hydroponic vegetables, and learn landscaping

14 techniques. A similarly modeled program could offer non-violent

15 inmates an opportunity to take part in efforts to restore

16 Hawaiian culturally significant sites that have been identified

17 and selected by the office of Hawaiian affairs.

1   The purpose of this Act is to establish a Hawaiian cultural

2 restoration program for non-violent inmates to participate in a

3 work force dedicated to the preservation and restoration of

4 historic Hawaiian sites and areas, as determined by the office

5 of Hawaiian affairs.

6   SECTION 2.   (a)   Not later than January 1, 2012, the

7 department of public safety shall establish a temporary pilot

8 program to be known as the Hawaiian cultural restoration program

9 that will provide working opportunities for non-violent inmates

10 to participate in the restoration and rebuilding of sites

11 culturally significant to Hawaiian history.

12   Inmates selected for the pilot program shall be able-bodied

13 individuals capable of heavy construction work, including

14 building a barracks and other living facilities to house the

15 pilot program participants near the work site.

16   (b)   The pilot program shall provide skills development

17 training that incorporates instruction in the methods of

18 rebuilding the historical site and on the background and

19 cultural significance of the site.

20   (c)   The office of Hawaiian affairs shall determine and

21 identify the sites to be restored by the Hawaiian cultural

22 restoration program.   The office of Hawaiian affairs shall

1   ensure that initial sites chosen for this program shall be on

2   lands classified as rural districts pursuant to section 205-2,

3   Hawaii Revised Statues.

4   For purposes of funding, the Hawaiian cultural restoration

5   program shall be considered an office of Hawaiian affairs

6   project under section 10-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7   (d) The Hawaiian cultural restoration program shall cease

8   to exist on June 30, 2015.

9   SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so

11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and

12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

13 year 2012-2013 for the Hawaiian cultural restoration program;

14 provided that the moneys allocated to the program shall reduce

15 any appropriations to the office of Hawaiian affairs by an

16 equivalent amount.

17   The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department

18 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

19   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:
Inmate Rehabilitation; Historical Site Restoration;
Appropriation

Description:
Establishes and appropriates funds for a program within the
department of public safety that assigns select, non-violent
inmates on a work detail that restores historical sites selected
by the office of Hawaiian affairs.   (SD1)

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