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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that former inmates who
 are gainfully employed are less likely to re-offend and have a
 greater chance of becoming upstanding citizens.

The legislature further finds that ninety-five percent of inmates will eventually be released from prison and that it is in the best interest of the State to facilitate the reentry of former inmates into society by providing opportunities for gainful employment.

9 The Hawaii correctional industries program employs several 10 hundred inmates every year in print, furniture, canteen, and 11 sewing shops that are located within correctional facilities as 12 well as through outside work-lines that clean and maintain 13 highways and byways. In this vocational rehabilitation program, 14 former inmates who excelled in the program have great potential to serve as peer mentors and role models to the current inmates 15 16 participating in the program.

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1 The purpose of this Act is to assist former inmates as they 2 reenter society and current inmates pursuing vocational 3 rehabilitation by establishing a three-year pilot project within 4 the department of public safety to authorize the administrator 5 of the Hawaii correctional industries program, in consultation 6 with the director of public safety, to provide full-time 7 equivalent employment in the Hawaii correctional industries 8 program to up to five former inmates who meet eligibility 9 criteria.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department 11 of public safety a three-year pilot project to be known as the 12 correctional industries former inmate employment pilot project. 13 The administrator of the Hawaii correctional industries program, 14 notwithstanding any laws to the contrary and in consultation 15 with the director of public safety, shall provide full-time 16 equivalent employment with the Hawaii correctional industries 17 program for up to five former inmates who meet eligibility 18 criteria developed by the director of public safety. The 19 department of public safety shall provide oversight of the pilot 20 project.

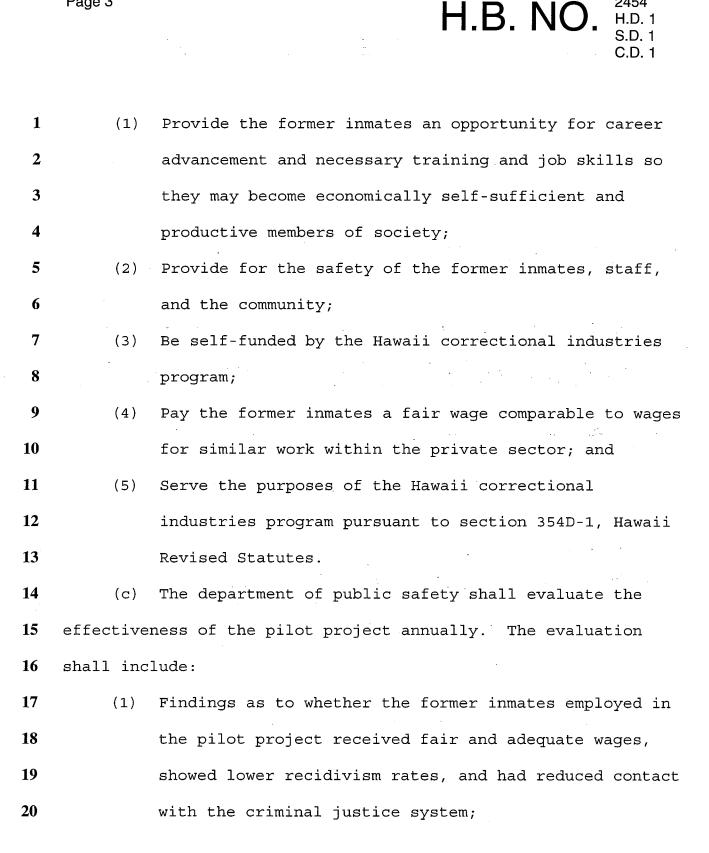
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(b) The pilot project shall:



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(2) Findings as to whether the pilot project helped
 achieve the purposes of the Hawaii correctional
 industries program pursuant to section 354D-1, Hawaii
 Revised Statutes; and

5 (3) Any other data and analysis the department of public6 safety deems necessary.

7 (d) Data on the conduct and efficacy of the pilot project
8 shall be collected by service providers that work directly with
9 former inmates and shall be submitted to the department of
10 public safety every six months for evaluation purposes for the
11 duration of the pilot project and twelve months after the pilot
12 project ends.

(e) The department of public safety shall submit an annual
report of its findings and recommendations, including any
proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2019,
2020, and 2021.

18 19 (f) The pilot project shall cease on July 1, 2021. SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Hawaii Correctional Industries; Pilot Project; Former Inmate Employment

### Description:

Establishes a three-year Correctional Industries Former Inmate Employment Pilot Project within the Department of Public Safety to assist former inmates as they reenter society. (HB2454 CD1)

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