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DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

7/6/2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on 7/6/2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2641 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. **ACT 246**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

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THE SENATE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022 STATE OF HAWAII ACT 246 S.B. NO. S.D. 2 H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, as of 2018,
- 2 seventy-five per cent of incarcerated women in Hawaii had
- 3 children. Previous surveys have shown that many women who are
- 4 on parole are also mothers of minor children.
- 5 The legislature further finds that studies have clearly
- 6 shown that when women in the criminal justice system are
- 7 separated from their children, the experience has devastating
- 8 impacts on the children's mental health and development. These
- 9 impacts can increase the risk of multigenerational
- 10 incarceration. The separation also has a destructive and
- 11 traumatic impact on mothers.
- 12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 13 moneys for residential programs that allow minor children to
- 14 remain with their mothers while participating in the program, to
- 15 reduce the risk of trauma and multigenerational incarceration.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
- thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for 2022-3219 SB2641 CD1 SMA.doc

- 1 residential programs that allow minor children to remain with
- 2 their mothers while participating in the program, including:
- 3 (1) Community-based furlough programs;
- 4 (2) Residential drug treatment programs;
- 5 (3) Therapeutic community programs; and
- 6 (4) Mental health programs.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
- 8 the purposes of this Act.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

S.B. NO. C.D. 1

APPROVED this 6th day of July , 2022

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

resident of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

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Chief Clerk

House of Representatives