
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that offenders exiting
2 correctional facilities are at risk of becoming homeless but are
3 not privy to many services afforded to the homeless because they
4 are not considered "chronically homeless" for purposes of the
5 housing first programs pursuant to section 346-378, Hawaii
6 Revised Statutes. The purpose of this Act is to create a new
7 program called Project Reset, which will provide comprehensive
8 programs to assist inmates through the process of reentry,
9 rehabilitation, employment, and housing.

10 SECTION 2. There is established a project reset program,
11 to be administered by the governor's coordinator on homelessness
12 and to be administratively placed within the department of human
13 services. The purpose of the project reset program shall be to
14 oversee the development and implementation of comprehensive
15 post-release housing programs to assist offenders who are
16 transitioning back into the community. The program shall assist
17 offenders in securing post-release housing, including



1 transitional housing and permanent housing, as necessary, to
2 support the offender's reentry, rehabilitation, and employment
3 prospects.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$375,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
7 implementation and administration of the project reset program
8 established under this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 human services for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Prisoner Rehabilitation; Homelessness; Employment; Housing; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a program named Project Reset which will help prisoners with reentry, rehabilitation, employment, and housing post-sentence.

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