
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§353H-32 Offender reentry; identification documents.** (a)
4 The department, in collaboration with the department of
5 transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall
6 inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to
7 obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI
8 of chapter 286, and upon request shall [~~issue civil~~
9 ~~identification cards to~~] assist inmates who have one year or
10 less prior to the inmate's parole or release date remaining on
11 their prison sentence[-] in obtaining a civil identification
12 card.
13 (b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate
14 federal, state, and county agencies, shall also inform inmates
15 of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain the
16 inmate's birth certificate, social security card, and any other
17 relevant identification documents necessary for the inmate to



1 transition into the workforce, access social services, secure or
2 verify applicable medicaid eligibility, and secure housing, and
3 upon request shall assist the inmates who have one year or less
4 prior to the inmate's parole or release date.

5 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended
6 furlough, or community placement programs, the department of
7 public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate
8 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior
9 to the inmate being released[-] by providing the forms necessary
10 for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards to the
11 inmate.

12 (d) Any form the department provides pursuant to this
13 section shall be in the inmate's primary language."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



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Report Title:

Comprehensive Offender Reentry System; Department of Public Safety

Description:

Clarifies that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and county examiners of drivers to assist inmates in obtaining civil identification cards necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing, rather than issue civil identification cards. (CD1)

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