A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that incarcerated persons
- 2 who participate in reentry planning circles before leaving
- 3 prison have significantly lower recidivism rates. Reentry
- 4 planning circles, or huikahi restorative circles, allow inmates,
- 5 their families, and prison staff members to discuss and produce
- 6 written transition plans for an individual leaving prison. The
- 7 solution-based planning process emphasizes that inmates are
- 8 responsible for their own choices and helps them develop
- 9 detailed plans for obtaining housing, employment, and other
- 10 necessities. The process also helps repair or establish
- 11 familial or other close relationships and encourages inmates to
- 12 make amends for their wrongdoings. The legislature recognizes
- 13 that supportive relationships are vital for an inmate's
- 14 successful reentry.
- Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 16 funding for reentry planning circles for incarcerated women.

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- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
- 4 reentry planning circles for incarcerated women.
- 5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 6 public safety for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

Report Title:

Women's Community Correctional Center; Huikahi Restorative Circles; Reentry Planning Circles; Department of Public Safety; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for reentry planning circles for incarcerated women. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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