
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

SB. NO. 3137

Report Title:

Comprehensive Offender Reentry System.

Description:

Amends section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify 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 procuring civil identification necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing, rather than issue civil identification cards.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and the county Examiners of Drivers to assist inmates in procuring civil identification necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing.

MEANS: Amend section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: These amendments are necessary to clarify that other agencies are the actual, legal issuers of civil identification cards, and the Department of Public Safety's role is to assist inmates in obtaining identification documents, access services, and secure housing.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The amendment clarifies the role of the Department of Public Safety in assisting inmates to obtain necessary documents for successful reentry into the community.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: PSD 900.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Transportation; City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services, Motor Vehicle, Licensing, and Permits Division; County of Hawaii

Department of Finance, Vehicle
Registration and Licensing
Division; County of Kauai,
Department of Finance, Driver
Licensing and Motor Vehicles
Division; County of Maui,
Department of Finance, Division of
Motor Vehicles and Licensing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.