



GOV. MSG. NO. 1218

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 27, 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 June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2309 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO INCARCERATION.
ACT 117

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 27 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 117
H.B. NO. 2309
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCARCERATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that once released from
2 jails and prisons, individuals having arrest and conviction
3 records face many barriers to success, including housing
4 restrictions, workplace restrictions, and informal restrictions.
5 Further, the problems associated with reentry and the high rate
6 of recidivism among the formerly incarcerated population
7 necessitate programs to divert individuals from pretrial
8 detention and effectively assist the transition of formerly
9 incarcerated individuals from jails and prisons to the
10 community. As noted in the December 2018 "Final Report of the
11 House Concurrent Resolution 85 Task Force on Prison Reform to
12 the Hawaii Legislature", "[e]ffective programs are essential for
13 a successful rehabilitative system."

14 The legislature further finds that an individual's stay in
15 a jail or prison costs the public between \$200 and \$400 per day,
16 depending on the level of security measures required. These



1 costs may be dramatically reduced through the implementation of
2 reentry and reintegration programs.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to reduce
4 recidivism rates in the State and increase productivity in
5 affected communities by appropriating funds for the development
6 and maintenance of diversion, reentry, and rehabilitation
7 services and programs within the State.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
11 purchase of identification card machines to assist offenders
12 while they are in the department of public safety's custody and
13 control in obtaining identifying documentation that is essential
14 to their reentry upon release.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 public safety for the purpose of this section.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
20 development and maintenance of community housing for parolees to



1 support their reentry into the community and their
2 rehabilitation.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
4 paroling authority for the purpose of this section.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$800,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for a
8 forensic peer specialist program to assess and treat
9 incarcerated individuals with behavioral, mental, and substance
10 abuse issues.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 health for the purpose of this section.

13 SECTION 5. The department of public safety, Hawaii
14 paroling authority, and department of health shall each submit
15 to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the regular session of 2024, a report of its
17 respective findings and recommendations. Each report shall
18 include the following information:

- 19 (1) The manner in which funds received pursuant to this
20 Act have been expended;
- 21 (2) The particular service providers involved;



- 1 (3) The number of persons who have been served;
- 2 (4) A description of the services provided;
- 3 (5) Measurable outcomes; and
- 4 (6) Any proposed legislation.

5 SECTION 6. The appropriations made pursuant to sections 2,
6 3, and 4 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal
7 year for which the appropriations are made; provided that all
8 moneys from the appropriations unencumbered as of June 30, 2024,
9 shall lapse as of that date.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2309, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 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.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives





Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate