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# 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-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~§~~353H-2.5~~§~~ **Offender reentry office.** There shall be  
4 established within the department of public safety an offender  
5 reentry office to oversee the development and implementation of  
6 the comprehensive offender reentry system.

7           The offender reentry office shall:

- 8           (1) Ensure that the present and future reentry needs of  
9 persons committed to correctional facilities are being  
10 evaluated and met in an effective and appropriate  
11 manner;
- 12           (2) Develop and implement risk needs assessment tools to  
13 properly place offenders in programs and services~~(+)~~,  
14 including a risk needs assessment tool that is  
15 specifically intended to assess the needs of female  
16 offenders;



- 1 (3) Match offenders to programs and services that address
- 2 risks and needs identified;
- 3 (4) Monitor and record progress made by offenders while
- 4 participating in prescribed programs and services;
- 5 (5) Identify and make recommendations to address needs not
- 6 addressed by programs and services;
- 7 (6) Provide training opportunities for department staff
- 8 and service providers in assessments and evidence-
- 9 based practices;
- 10 (7) Work closely and collaborate with the community
- 11 service and work furlough programs located in the
- 12 community correctional centers and correctional
- 13 facilities;
- 14 (8) Work closely and collaborate with the Hawaii paroling
- 15 authority; and
- 16 (9) Work closely and collaborate with community partners
- 17 such as organizations, businesses, and concerned
- 18 citizens."

19 SECTION 2. No later than twenty days prior to the  
20 convening of the regular session of 2023, the department of



1 public safety shall submit to the legislature a report of the  
2 offender reentry office's compliance with this Act.

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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# H.B. NO. 1778 H.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Public Safety; Correction; Offenders; Risk Assessment; Females

**Description:**

Requires the offender reentry office of the department of public safety to develop and implement a risk needs assessment tool that is specifically intended to assess the needs of female offenders. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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