
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
17 costs may be dramatically reduced through the implementation of



1 reentry and reintegration programs. For example, YWCA's Ka Hale
2 Koala Hou No Na Wahine; Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.'s Being
3 Empowered and Safe Together Reintegration Program; Going Home
4 Hawaii; Men of Paa; Waikiki Health Center's Puuhonua Program;
5 Habilitat; First LAP; Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice;
6 Salvation Army; Aloha House; BISAC; Mental Health Kokua; Hale
7 Nani; the Lifetime Stand Program; and other programs serve
8 individuals who are preparing to return to their respective
9 communities following incarceration.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to reduce
11 recidivism rates in the State and increase productivity in
12 affected communities by appropriating moneys for the development
13 and maintenance of diversion and reentry programs within the
14 State.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
18 the development and maintenance of diversion and reentry
19 services and programs by non-profit organizations within the
20 State.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 2 public safety for the purposes of this Act; provided that the
 3 department of public safety may distribute the moneys
 4 appropriated through grants; provided further that these
 5 distributions shall not be subject to chapter 42F, Hawaii
 6 Revised Statutes.

7 SECTION 3. The appropriation made pursuant to section 2 of
 8 this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for
 9 which the appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from
 10 the appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse
 11 as of that date.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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H.B. NO. 2309

Report Title:

Diversion and Reentry Treatment; Services and Programs;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the development and maintenance of diversion and reentry services and programs by non-profit organizations in the State.

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