
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, reentry, and rehabilitation
14 programs within the 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, reentry, and
19 rehabilitation services and programs by non-profit organizations
20 within the State, as they relate to offenders while they are in
21 the department of public safety's custody and control.



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. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
10 the development and maintenance of diversion, reentry, and
11 rehabilitation services and programs by non-profit organizations
12 within the State, as they relate to offenders falling under the
13 jurisdiction of the judiciary.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
15 the purposes of this Act; provided that the judiciary may
16 distribute the moneys appropriated through grants; provided
17 further that these distributions shall not be subject to chapter
18 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for



1 the development and maintenance of diversion, reentry, and
2 rehabilitation services and programs by non-profit organizations
3 within the State, as they relate to offenders who fall under the
4 jurisdiction of the Hawaii paroling authority.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
6 paroling authority for the purposes of this Act; provided that
7 the Hawaii paroling authority may distribute the moneys
8 appropriated through grants; provided further that these
9 distributions shall not be subject to chapter 42F, Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes.

11 SECTION 5. The appropriations made pursuant to sections 2,
12 3, and 4 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal
13 biennium for which the appropriations are made; provided that
14 all moneys from the appropriations unencumbered as of June 30,
15 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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Report Title:

Diversion, Reentry, and Rehabilitation; Services and Programs;
DPS; Judiciary; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the development and maintenance of
diversion, reentry, and rehabilitation services and programs by
non-profit organizations in the State. Effective 7/1/3000.
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