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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



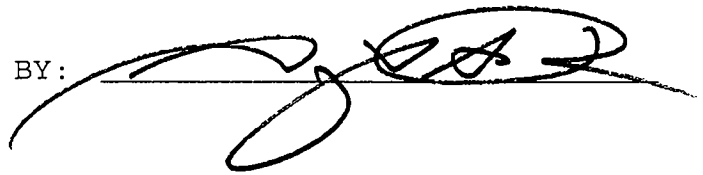
1 public safety shall submit to the legislature a report of the  
2 offender reentry office's compliance with this Act.

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 upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**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.

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