
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCARCERATED WOMEN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in August 2021, the
2 governor awarded over \$8,000,000 to schools, colleges, and other
3 entities as part of the governor's emergency education relief.
4 Funding for the awards was provided by the federal Coronavirus
5 Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the
6 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

7 The legislature further finds that, among the awardees, the
8 Hawaii Friends for Restorative Justice received \$250,000 for the
9 first year of an education program for imprisoned women. The
10 program involves the Hawaii Friends for Restorative Justice
11 partnering with the women's community correctional center,
12 windward community college, the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
13 and McKinley community school for adults to train incarcerated
14 women to be general education development tutors for their
15 peers, provide college correspondence courses for women in the
16 women's community correctional center, and provide reentry and



1 transition services for women who wish to continue their
2 education post incarceration.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
4 second year of the education program for imprisoned women.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
8 education program for imprisoned women, a program to train
9 incarcerated women to be general education development tutors
10 for their peers, provide college correspondence courses for
11 women in the women's community correctional center, and provide
12 reentry and transition services for women who wish to continue
13 their education post incarceration.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 public safety for the purposes of this Act; provided that the
16 department of public safety may transfer the moneys appropriated
17 by this Act to the University of Hawaii or the department of
18 education for purposes of this Act; provided further that the
19 department of public safety may award a grant to a private
20 entity to achieve the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Women's Caucus; Department of Public Safety; University of Hawaii; Department of Education; Women's Prison Project; Education; Reentry; Transition Services; Incarcerated; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the second year of a program to train incarcerated women to be general education development tutors for their peers, provide college correspondence courses for women in the women's community correctional center, and provide reentry and transition services for women wanting to continue their education post incarceration. Enables partnerships with the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, and Department of Public Safety. Appropriates moneys. (SD1)

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