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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECIDIVISM PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of public safety reentry office, a five-year recidivism
3 prevention pilot program, consisting of three components: the
4 housing voucher program, child care voucher program, and tax
5 credit for employers, to assist the reentry efforts of program
6 participants for two years following the individual's exit from
7 a correctional center.

8 (b) A program participant shall be an individual:

9 (1) Who is a resident of Hawaii;

10 (2) Who exited from the women's community correctional
11 center;

12 (3) Whose household income does not exceed eighty per cent
13 of the area median income; and

14 (4) Who is employed and either:

15 (A) Works for twenty or more hours in a workweek; or



1 (B) Spends twenty or more hours per work week working
2 or participating in programs relating to
3 education, substance abuse, or parenting.

4 (c) Housing voucher program. The housing voucher program
5 shall provide program participants with housing vouchers on a
6 first-come first-served basis; provided that the program
7 participant continues to satisfy the eligibility criteria in
8 subsection (b); provided further that the aggregate amount of
9 financial assistance provided under the pilot program has not
10 reached the maximum amount set forth in subsection (f). Each
11 housing voucher shall not exceed \$ and shall be used
12 for:

- 13 (1) Rent for the program participant's primary residence;
14 or
15 (2) Down payment or mortgage payments for the program
16 participant's primary residence; provided further that
17 the program participant shall not own, operate, or
18 control any other residential real property.

19 (d) Child care voucher program. The child care voucher
20 program shall provide program participants with child care



1 vouchers on a first-come first-served basis; provided that the
2 program participant:

3 (1) Continues to satisfy the eligibility criteria in
4 subsection (b);

5 (2) Has a child for whom the program participant has
6 physical custody; and

7 (3) Does not receive any child care subsidies;

8 provided further that the aggregate amount of financial
9 assistance provided under the pilot program has not reached the
10 maximum amount set forth in subsection (f). Each child care
11 voucher shall not exceed \$ per child and shall be used
12 for payment of fees to a child care facility for providing
13 services to the program participant's child.

14 (e) Income tax credit for employment of program
15 participants. There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject
16 to the tax imposed by chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a
17 credit for employment of program participants, which shall be
18 deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any,
19 imposed by chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the taxable
20 year in which the credit is properly claimed.



- 1 (1) The amount of the credit under this subsection for the
2 taxable year shall be equal to the amount of
3 contributions paid by the taxpayer pursuant to section
4 383-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the program
5 participant;
- 6 (2) The credit allowed under this section shall be claimed
7 against the employer's net income tax liability for
8 the taxable year. A tax credit under this section
9 that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may
10 be used as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax
11 liability in subsequent years until exhausted; and
- 12 (3) All claims for tax credits under this section,
13 including any amended claims, shall be filed on or
14 before the end of the twelfth month following the
15 close of the taxable year for which the credits may be
16 claimed. Failure to comply with the foregoing
17 provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to
18 claim the credit.
- 19 (f) The aggregate monetary amount of vouchers provided to
20 program participants by the State under subsections (c) and (d)
21 shall not exceed \$30,000 for each fiscal year.



1 (g) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
2 91 and prescribe forms to be used by program participants to
3 carry out the purposes of this section; provided that rules and
4 forms to carry out subsection (e) shall be adopted and
5 prescribed by the department of taxation, in consultation with
6 the department.

7 (h) The department shall submit a report of its findings
8 and recommendations pertaining to the pilot program to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the regular session of 2027. The report shall include:

- 11 (1) A record of pilot program activities and
12 accomplishments;
- 13 (2) A recommendation on whether the pilot program should
14 be continued, modified, or terminated, including
15 whether the assistance under the pilot program should
16 be extended to other correctional centers; and
- 17 (3) Any proposed legislation.

18 (i) As used in this Act:

19 "Child" means an unmarried individual who is under eighteen
20 years of age. "Child" includes a biological, adopted, or foster
21 child; a stepchild; and a legal ward.



1 "Child care facility" shall have the same meaning as
2 defined section 346-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 "Child care subsidy" shall have the same meaning as defined
4 section 346-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5 "Department" means the department of public safety.

6 "Pilot program" means the five-year recidivism prevention
7 pilot program established pursuant to this Act.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
11 the implementation and operation of the five-year recidivism
12 prevention pilot program and for the establishment of five full-
13 time equivalent (5.00 FTE) permanent transition navigator
14 positions within the department of public safety reentry office;
15 provided that the transition navigators shall provide assistance
16 to individuals exiting the women's community correctional center
17 in successfully rejoining their families and the community.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Recidivism Prevention Pilot Program; Correctional Facilities;
Department of Public Safety; Reentry Office; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Public Safety Reentry Office, a 5-year Recidivism Prevention Pilot Program, consisting of three components: the housing voucher program, child care voucher program, and income tax credit for employers to assist the reentry efforts of certain individuals who exited from the Women's Community Correctional Center, for two years after the exit. Establishes five Transition Navigator positions (5.00 FTE) within the Department of Public Safety Reentry Office. Appropriates funds.

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