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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REENTRY PLANNING CIRCLES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that incarcerated persons  
2 who participate in reentry planning circles before leaving  
3 prison have significantly lower recidivism rates. Reentry  
4 planning circles, or huikahi restorative circles, allow inmates,  
5 their families, and prison staff members, to discuss and produce  
6 written transition plans for an individual leaving prison. The  
7 solution-based planning process emphasizes that inmates are  
8 responsible for their own choices and helps them develop  
9 detailed plans for obtaining housing, employment, and other  
10 necessities. The process also helps repair or establish  
11 familial or other close relationships and encourages inmates to  
12 make amends for their wrongdoings. The legislature recognizes  
13 that supportive relationships are vital for an inmate's  
14 successful reentry.

15           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
16 funding for reentry planning circles for at least fifty  
17 incarcerated women.



1           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
4 funding reentry planning circles for incarcerated women.

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Department of Public Safety; Incarceration; Women; Restorative Justice; Reentry Planning Circles; Huikahi Restorative Circles; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to fund reentry planning circles for at least 50 incarcerated women.

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