
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
2 individuals who participate in reentry planning circles before
3 leaving prison have significantly lower recidivism rates.
4 Reentry planning circles, or huikahi restorative circles, allow
5 inmates, their families, and prison staff members to discuss and
6 produce written transition plans for an individual leaving
7 prison. The solution-based planning process emphasizes that
8 inmates are responsible for their own choices and helps them
9 develop detailed plans for obtaining housing, employment, and
10 other 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 incarcerated
17 individuals.



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 reentry planning circles for incarcerated individuals.

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.



Report Title:

Reentry Planning Circles; Incarcerated Individuals;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for reentry planning circles for
incarcerated individuals. (CD1)

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