
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that annual sustained
2 funding for offender reentry services is critical to the public
3 safety of the State's communities because the success of
4 transitioning offenders reduces the cycle of recidivism. Other
5 jurisdictions, such as Pima County, Arizona, have implemented
6 successful transition programs and reentry services that connect
7 released offenders with treatment, housing, transportation,
8 employment, and other services provided by community-based
9 organizations. The legislature further finds that access to
10 reentry services such as community-based support services,
11 benefits determination assistance, employment assistance,
12 temporary clean and sober housing, mental health treatment,
13 substance abuse treatment, and transitional housing is pivotal
14 in determining the success or failure of reentry and
15 reintegration into the community.

16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Require the department of corrections and
- 2 rehabilitation to submit an annual report to the
- 3 legislature on the number of individuals released that
- 4 received reentry services; and
- 5 (2) Appropriate funds to the department for reentry
- 6 services to connect offenders with community-based
- 7 services.

8 SECTION 2. The department of corrections and

9 rehabilitation shall submit an annual report containing the

10 number of individuals released that received reentry services to

11 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening

12 of each regular session, beginning with the regular session of

13 2026.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and

17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

18 year 2026-2027 for reentry services to connect offenders with

19 community-based services.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department

21 of corrections and rehabilitation for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DCR; Reentry Services; Community-Based Services; Report;
Appropriations

Description:

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for reentry services to connect offenders with community-based services. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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