
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) through (c) to read as
3 follows:

4 "(a) The department, in collaboration with the department
5 of transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county,
6 shall inform inmates that departmental assistance is available
7 to obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part
8 XVI of chapter 286, and upon request shall assist inmates [~~who~~
9 ~~have one year or less prior to the inmate's parole or release~~
10 ~~date remaining on their prison sentence]~~ in obtaining a civil
11 identification card~~[.]~~ as soon as practicable but at least one
12 year before the inmate's parole or release date; provided that
13 the department shall assist inmates in obtaining a civil
14 identification card even if the department fails to meet the
15 deadline pursuant to this subsection.

16 (b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate
17 federal, state, and county agencies, shall also inform inmates



1 of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain the
2 inmate's birth certificate, social security card, and any other
3 relevant identification documents necessary for the inmate to
4 transition into the workforce, access social services, secure or
5 verify applicable medicaid eligibility, and secure housing, and
6 upon request shall assist the inmates [~~who have one year or less~~
7 ~~prior to the inmate's parole or release date.~~] in obtaining the
8 identifying documents as soon as practicable but at least one
9 year before the inmate's parole or release date; provided that
10 the department shall assist inmates in obtaining the identifying
11 documents even if the department fails to meet the deadline
12 pursuant to this subsection.

13 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended
14 furlough, or community placement programs, the department [~~of~~
15 ~~corrections and rehabilitation~~] shall initiate the process of
16 assisting the inmate pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) [~~at~~
17 ~~least ninety days prior to the inmate being released~~] by
18 providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil
19 identification cards and other identifying documents to the
20 inmate[~~]~~ as soon as practicable but at least ninety days before
21 the inmate's release date; provided that the department shall



1 provide the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil
2 identification cards and other identifying documents even if the
3 department fails to meet the deadline pursuant to this
4 subsection."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DCR; Offender Reentry; Identification Documents; Departmental Assistance

Description:

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' civil identification card, birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society, as soon as practicable. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to initiate the process of obtaining identifying documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards and other identifying documents to the inmate as soon as practicable. (SD1)

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