
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of corrections and
2 rehabilitation shall establish a rehabilitation and re-entry
3 services task force to work collaboratively to:

4 (1) Review, consider, and identify policies and practices
5 to support and promote the successful rehabilitation
6 and re-entry into society of individuals who are
7 currently incarcerated;

8 (2) Make recommendations to the legislature regarding the
9 policies and practices identified in paragraph (1);
10 and

11 (3) Make other recommendations that the task force deems
12 appropriate and beneficial for the successful
13 rehabilitation and re-entry into society of
14 individuals who are currently incarcerated.

15 (b) The preferred qualifications for members of the
16 rehabilitation and re-entry services task force shall be



1 possession of knowledge in the rehabilitation and re-entry into
2 society of incarcerated individuals.

3 (c) The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall
4 invite the following individuals, at a minimum, to serve on the
5 rehabilitation and re-entry services task force:

6 (1) A representative from the office of Hawaiian affairs;

7 (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives
8 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over
9 corrections and rehabilitation;

10 (3) The chairperson of the senate standing committee with
11 primary jurisdiction over corrections and
12 rehabilitation;

13 (4) The senior advisor for mental health and the justice
14 system in the office of governor;

15 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Health and Harm
16 Reduction Center;

17 (6) A representative from Partners in Care;

18 (7) A representative from the American Civil Liberties
19 Union of Hawaii;

20 (8) A representative from 'Ekolu Mea Nui;



- 1 (9) A representative from the Community Alliance on
2 Prisons;
- 3 (10) A representative from Hawaii Friends for Restorative
4 Justice;
- 5 (11) A representative from the Reimagining Public Safety in
6 Hawaii Coalition;
- 7 (12) A representative from Project Vision Hawaii;
- 8 (13) A representative from Going Home Hawaii;
- 9 (14) A representative from the YMCA of Oahu; and
- 10 (15) Three justice-impacted persons with lived experience.
- 11 (d) The rehabilitation and re-entry services task force
12 shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its
13 members.
- 14 (e) The rehabilitation and re-entry services task force
15 shall submit an interim report of its progress to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2027.
- 18 The task force shall submit a final report of its findings
19 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2028.



1 (f) Members of the rehabilitation and re-entry services
2 task force shall serve without compensation but shall receive
3 reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, that are
4 necessary for the performance of their duties.

5 (g) The rehabilitation and re-entry services task force
6 shall cease to exist on June 30, 2028.

7 (h) The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall
8 provide any necessary staffing and support, including
9 preparation and drafting of the interim and final reports
10 identified in subsection (e), to the rehabilitation and re-entry
11 services task force.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2026-2027 for the work of the rehabilitation and re-entry
17 services task force established pursuant to this Act.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of corrections and rehabilitation for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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



Report Title:

Rehabilitation and Re-entry Services Task Force; Appropriation;
Reports

Description:

Establishes a Rehabilitation and Re-entry Services Task Force.
Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.
Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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