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 our communities because the success of transitioning offenders reduces the cycle of recidivism. Other jurisdictions, 4 5 such as Pima County, Arizona, have implemented successful 6 transition programs and reentry services that connect released 7 offenders with treatment, housing, transportation, employment, 8 and other services provided by community-based organizations. 9 The legislature further finds that access to reentry services 10 such as community-based support services, benefits determination 11 assistance, employment assistance, temporary clean and sober 12 housing, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and 13 transitional housing is pivotal in determining the success or 14 failure of reentry and reintegration into the community. 15 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds 16 to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for reentry 17 services to connect offenders with community-based services.

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1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and 4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for reentry services to connect offenders with 5 6 community-based services. 7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 8 of corrections and rehabilitation for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

Report Title:

Reentry Services; Community-based Services; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for reentry services to connect offenders with community-based services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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