

ACT 103

H.B. NO. 2169

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Comprehensive Offender Reentry System.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§353H-32 Offender reentry; identification documents. (a) The department, in collaboration with the department of transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI of chapter 286, and upon request shall ~~[issue civil identification cards to]~~ assist inmates who have one year or less prior to the inmate’s parole or release date remaining on their prison sentence~~[-]~~ in obtaining a civil identification card.

(b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate federal, state, and county agencies, shall also inform inmates of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain the inmate’s birth certificate, social security card, and any other relevant identification documents necessary for the inmate to transition into the workforce, access social services, secure or verify applicable medicaid eligibility, and secure housing, and upon request shall assist the inmates who have one year or less prior to the inmate’s parole or release date.

(c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, the department of public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior to the inmate being released~~[-]~~ by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards to the inmate.

(d) Any form the department provides pursuant to this section shall be in the inmate’s primary language.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 17, 2022.)