



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **709**

June 30, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB467 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
CORRECTIONS.
(ACT 258)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

on JUN 30 2006THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2005
STATE OF HAWAIIS.B. NO. 467
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. In recent years, the number of incarcerated
2 women has increased at an alarming rate. Nationally, women
3 compose 6.9 per cent of the prison population. In Hawaii,
4 however, women form 11.99 per cent of the prison population.
5 While the male prison population doubled between 1985 and 1995,
6 the female population tripled, largely due to sentencing and
7 incarcerating female nonviolent first-time drug offenders.

8 The department of public safety reports that the number of
9 female parole violators rose thirty per cent between January 1,
10 2001, and January 19, 2004, and that the number of male parole
11 violators rose 18.3 per cent during the same period.

12 Research establishes that female offenders have different
13 needs from male offenders, resulting in part from female
14 offenders' disproportionate victimization from sexual or
15 physical abuse and their responsibility for children. Women
16 offenders are more likely than male offenders to be addicted to
17 drugs, suffer from a mental illness, and have been unemployed
18 before incarceration.

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1 gender-responsive, community-based programs for female
2 adjudicated youth.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
4 youth services for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 30 2006




THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

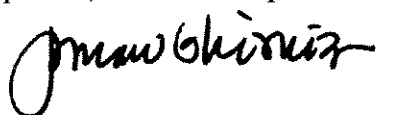
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Speaker, House of Representatives



Clerk, House of Representatives