
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The existing work furlough programs and
2 facilities throughout the state are inadequate to meet the needs
3 of inmates who are eligible for work furlough. Work furlough
4 programs provide much-needed housing and employment assistance,
5 vocational educational programs, mentoring, counseling, family
6 reunification services, and substance abuse treatment programs
7 for inmates who are preparing for their return to the community.
8 These programs contribute greatly to reducing recidivism by
9 giving skills to inmates, preparing them for reintegration, and
10 instilling in them a sense of pride and responsibility.

11 Furthermore, inmates who receive program and employment
12 opportunities while they are classified at the minimum- or
13 community-custody level are more likely to successfully return
14 to society and participate as productive, law-abiding citizens.

15 Minimum-custody inmates have demonstrated they can function
16 with minimal supervision in a correctional setting or in the
17 community under direct supervision. Community-custody inmates
18 are eligible to participate in community release programs, such



1 as work furlough, extended furlough, or residential transitional
2 living centers.

3 However, due to budget constraints, Hawaii has only two
4 minimum-security prisons, Waiawa correctional facility on Oahu
5 and Kulani correctional facility on the island of Hawaii.
6 Waiawa was designed for two hundred ninety-four inmates and
7 Kulani often exceeds its operational capacity of one hundred
8 sixty beds. The legislature finds that a total of four hundred
9 fifty-four beds for inmates who are ready to be reintegrated
10 into the community is woefully inadequate.

11 According to the department of public safety's 2004 annual
12 report, thirty-nine per cent of male inmates and forty-seven per
13 cent of female inmates are classified with a status of minimum-
14 or community-custody. Based on the department's January 16,
15 2006, population figures, this means that there are currently
16 two thousand four hundred fifty-nine inmates who qualify for
17 reintegration programs through educational opportunities,
18 substance abuse treatment, vocational training, employment
19 opportunities, and workline projects in the community.

20 The purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Appropriate funds to the department of public safety
- 2 for the expansion of work furlough programs and
- 3 facilities;
- 4 (2) Increase the number of minimum-custody housing for
- 5 inmates; and
- 6 (3) Appropriate funds for a pilot drug interdiction
- 7 program.

8 SECTION 2. The department of public safety is authorized

9 to plan to build minimum-security housing that can be erected

10 within a fairly short period of time, such as housing structures

11 used by the military, on a portion of the Kalaeloa parcel under

12 the jurisdiction of the Hawaii community development authority.

13 The department of public safety and the Hawaii community

14 development authority shall explore the feasibility of planning,

15 designing, and constructing a suitable minimum-security facility

16 at the Kalaeloa site using pre-fabricated and quick-build design

17 housing structures.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much

20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the

21 planning of minimum-security housing for inmates at the Kalaeloa

1 site and for the expansion of work furlough programs and
2 facilities.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$700,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for six
8 full-time-equivalent (6.00 FTE) investigator positions for the
9 department of public safety's narcotics enforcement division
10 (PSD 502), for personal services, equipment, trained dogs, drug
11 detection equipment, and other expenses to operate a pilot drug
12 interdiction program, which, in coordination with the Hawaii
13 high intensity drug trafficking area task force, shall perform
14 random inspections for illegal drugs and other hazardous
15 materials throughout the state.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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Report Title:

Work Furloughs; Minimum-Security Housing; Drug Interdiction

Description:

Appropriates funds for the expansion of work furlough programs and facilities, the planning of minimum-security housing at Kalaeloa, and a pilot drug interdiction program. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB2926 HD2)

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