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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1           SECTION 1. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128, Regular  
2 Session 2005, requested the department of public safety and the  
3 department of human services to jointly establish a task force  
4 to examine issues affecting the children of incarcerated parents  
5 and to propose solutions to those issues, as well as methods to  
6 break the cycle of crime and violence in these families.

7 Specifically, the task force was requested to:

- 8           (1) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated  
9           parents;
- 10           (2) Develop programs and support services for these  
11           children;
- 12           (3) Provide support for incarcerated parents, where  
13           appropriate; and
- 14           (4) Develop programs to strengthen these families.

15           During the interim period following the 2005 regular  
16 session, the department of public safety and the department of  
17 human services established the children of incarcerated parents  
18 task force as requested. The task force met three times, but



1 there was insufficient time to adequately research, discuss, and  
2 prepare feasible proposals for programs to address the needs of  
3 children of incarcerated parents.

4 The purpose of this Act is to extend the term of the  
5 children of incarcerated parents task force so it can continue  
6 to develop programs to aid children of incarcerated parents, to  
7 strengthen these families, and to break the cycle of crime and  
8 violence within them.

9 SECTION 2. (a) This Act shall be known as the Children of  
10 Incarcerated Parents Task Force Extension Act of 2006.

11 (b) The children of incarcerated parents task force, which  
12 was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128, Regular  
13 Session 2005, shall continue to operate through June 30, 2007.

14 The task force shall be attached to the department of human  
15 services for administrative purposes.

16 (c) The task force shall include members as follows:

17 (1) The director of public safety or a designee;

18 (2) The deputy director of the corrections division of the  
19 department of public safety or a designee;

20 (3) The institutions division administrator of the  
21 community correctional centers and the correctional  
22 facilities or a designee;



- 1 (5) The director of health or a designee;
- 2 (6) The director of human services or a designee;
- 3 (7) The executive director of the office of youth services
- 4 or a designee;
- 5 (8) The chief justice of the supreme court or a designee;
- 6 (9) A member of the board of trustees of the office of
- 7 Hawaiian affairs or a designee;
- 8 (10) A representative of the family court of the first
- 9 circuit;
- 10 (11) The superintendent of education or a designee;
- 11 (12) The attorney general or a designee;
- 12 (13) The prosecuting attorney of each county or a designee;
- 13 (14) A representative of child protective services;
- 14 (15) The director of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu;
- 15 (16) A representative from the adult probation division;
- 16 (17) A member representing each of the county police
- 17 departments appointed by the respective police chiefs;
- 18 (18) A public member with advocacy experience working on
- 19 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be
- 20 selected by Blueprint for Change;



- 1 (19) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
2 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
3 selected by Child and Family Services;
- 4 (20) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
5 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
6 selected by the Community Alliance on Prisons;
- 7 (21) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
8 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
9 selected by the Good Beginnings Alliance;
- 10 (22) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
11 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
12 selected by the Hawaii Juvenile Justice Project;
- 13 (23) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
14 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
15 selected by Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers;
- 16 (24) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
17 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
18 selected by Neighborhood Place of Puna;
- 19 (25) A public member with advocacy experience working on  
20 behalf of children of incarcerated parents to be  
21 selected by Neighborhood Place of Wailuku;



- 1 (26) Public members with experience working with children  
2 of incarcerated parents to be selected by the  
3 Children's Justice Center;
- 4 (27) A representative of the Queen Liliuokalani Children's  
5 Center; and
- 6 (28) A faculty member of the University of Hawaii  
7 department of sociology or a designee.
- 8 (d) The task force shall:
- 9 (1) Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated  
10 parents in Hawaii and to make referrals as  
11 appropriate;
- 12 (2) Determine the impact that parental incarceration has  
13 on children of incarcerated parents;
- 14 (3) Identify the needs of children of incarcerated parents  
15 and develop responsive programs;
- 16 (4) Identify local programs and models, including neighbor  
17 island programs and models; and
- 18 (5) Review other jurisdictions' activities, policies,  
19 directives, and laws related to children of  
20 incarcerated parents and derive best practices models  
21 therefrom.



1 (e) The members of the task force shall select the  
2 chairperson of the task force and shall be reimbursed for  
3 expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the  
4 performance of their duties.

5 (f) The department of public safety and the department of  
6 human services each shall provide support services necessary to  
7 assist the task force in achieving its purpose as required under  
8 this Act.

9 (g) This task force shall cease to exist after June 30,  
10 2007.

11 (h) The task force shall publish and present a final  
12 report to the legislature and the general public no later than  
13 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
14 2008. The report shall be available in printed form and on a  
15 website accessible to the public over the Internet.

16 The final report shall include:

17 (1) A summary of significant findings regarding children  
18 of incarcerated parents;

19 (2) Statistics indicating the number of children with  
20 incarcerated parents in the state, including data on  
21 age, educational, financial, geographic, and  
22 socioeconomic demographics of incarcerated parents;



- 1 (3) Statistics to determine the relationship between
- 2 specific variables and frequency of parental
- 3 incarceration;
- 4 (4) Statistics to determine the relationship between
- 5 parental incarceration and various negative outcomes
- 6 for children of incarcerated parents;
- 7 (5) Case studies of children of incarcerated parents;
- 8 (6) Recommendations as to whether the task force should be
- 9 further extended;
- 10 (7) Multiple theoretical models for improving the welfare
- 11 and general well-being of children of incarcerated
- 12 parents; and
- 13 (8) Proposed legislation, if any.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for  
17 reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred  
18 by members of the children of incarcerated parents task force  
19 and for any administrative costs of the task force.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 human services for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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**Report Title:**

Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force

**Description:**

Statutorily establishes the children of incarcerated parents task force until 2007. Appropriates funds. (SB3215 HD1)

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