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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS TASK FORCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The children of incarcerated parents task force  
2 was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128 (2005),  
3 and was extended by Act 256, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, to  
4 enable the task force to continue to develop programs to aid  
5 children of incarcerated parents. The task force ceased to  
6 exist on December 31, 2007.

7           The purpose of this Act is to re-establish the children of  
8 incarcerated parents task force so it can continue to develop  
9 programs to aid children of incarcerated parents, strengthen the  
10 family bond, and help break the cycle of crime and violence.

11           SECTION 2. The department of public safety and the  
12 department of human services shall re-establish the children of  
13 incarcerated parents task force previously established by Senate  
14 Concurrent Resolution No. 128 (2005) and Act 256, Session Laws  
15 of Hawaii 2006, to identify and develop programs and support  
16 services for children of incarcerated parents, as well as  
17 programs to strengthen the bond between the families. The task  
18 force shall be re-established as provided in this Act.



- 1           The goals of the task force are to:
- 2           (1)   Develop a system to identify children of incarcerated
- 3                 parents;
- 4           (2)   Develop programs and support services for these
- 5                 children;
- 6           (3)   Provide support for incarcerated parents, where
- 7                 appropriate;
- 8           (4)   Develop programs to strengthen these families; and
- 9           (5)   Review other jurisdictions' activities, policies,
- 10                 directives, and laws relating to children of
- 11                 incarcerated parents to derive best practices models.

12           SECTION 3. The task force shall include the following

13 members:

- 14           (1)   The director of public safety or a designee;
- 15           (2)   The deputy director of the corrections division of the
- 16                 department of public safety or a designee;
- 17           (3)   The institutions division administrator of the
- 18                 community correctional centers and the correctional
- 19                 facilities or a designee;
- 20           (4)   The director of health or a designee;
- 21           (5)   The director of human services or a designee;



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



- 1 (18) 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 (19) 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 (20) 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 (21) 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 (22) 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 (23) 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 (24) 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 (25) Public members with experience working with children  
2 of incarcerated parents to be selected by the  
3 Children's Justice Center;

4 (26) A representative of the Queen Liliuokalani Children's  
5 Center;

6 (27) Representatives of youth groups from the island of  
7 Kauai who address the issues of incarcerated parents;

8 (28) A faculty member of the University of Hawaii  
9 department of sociology or a designee; and

10 (29) The administrator of the intake service centers of the  
11 department of public safety or a designee.

12 The members of the task force shall select the chairperson  
13 of the task force from among themselves and shall be reimbursed  
14 for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the  
15 performance of their duties.

16 SECTION 4. The task force shall be administratively  
17 attached to the department of human services. The department of  
18 public safety and the department of human services shall each  
19 provide administrative, clerical, technical, and professional  
20 support services necessary to assist the task force in achieving  
21 its purpose as required under this Act. The task force shall  
22 cease to exist after December 31, 2010.



1 SECTION 5. The task force shall submit annual reports to  
2 the legislature not later than twenty day prior to the convening  
3 of the regular sessions of 2009, 2010, and 2011. The task force  
4 shall make the reports available to the general public in  
5 printed form and on a website accessible to the public over the  
6 Internet.

7 The annual reports shall be completed with the assistance  
8 of the department of public safety and shall include:

- 9 (1) A summary of significant findings regarding children  
10 of incarcerated parents;
- 11 (2) Statewide statistics indicating the number of children  
12 with incarcerated parents in the State, including data  
13 on age and educational, financial, geographic, and  
14 socioeconomic demographics of incarcerated parents;
- 15 (3) Statewide data and data analysis to determine the  
16 relationship between specific variables and the  
17 frequency of parental incarceration;
- 18 (4) Statewide data and data analysis to determine the  
19 relationship between parental incarceration and  
20 various adverse outcomes for children of incarcerated  
21 parents; and



1 (5) Multiple theoretical models for improving the welfare  
 2 and general well-being of children of incarcerated  
 3 parents.

4 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much  
 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for data  
 7 gathering, data analysis, and compilation of the reports  
 8 required by this Act for reimbursement for expenses, including  
 9 travel expenses, incurred by the members of the task force, and  
 10 for any additional administrative costs.

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

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Re-establishes the children of incarcerated parents task force, which ceased to exist on December 31, 2007. Appropriates funds.

