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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Act 8, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii  
2   2007, also known as the Community Safety Act of 2007,  
3   established a comprehensive inmate reentry system under the  
4   purview of the department of public safety. Act 8 also requires  
5   the department of public safety to submit a number of annual  
6   reports relating to the implementation, progress, and  
7   effectiveness of the program components specified in Act 8.

8           While the department's annual report lists program  
9   activities and statistics, it does not include information on  
10   program outcomes. The legislature finds that performance  
11   indicators are an effective way to track the progress of the  
12   comprehensive reentry system and to reflect the philosophical  
13   change to the department's approach to rehabilitation and  
14   reentry mandated by Act 8.

15           The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of  
16   public safety to establish key performance indicators to be  
17   incorporated in reports that evaluate the outcomes of program



1 components as required in Act 8.

2 SECTION 2. Act 8, Session Laws of Hawaii, First Special  
3 Session of 2007, is amended by amending section 21 to read as  
4 follows:

5 "SECTION 21. The department of public safety shall report  
6 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
7 convening of the 2008, 2009, and 2010 regular legislative  
8 sessions on the implementation, progress, and effectiveness of  
9 the components of this measure. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-  
10 2009, in addition to the annual reports, the department shall  
11 submit a quarterly report to the legislature within thirty days  
12 after the end of each quarter. Each report shall include key  
13 performance indicators that track rehabilitation and reentry  
14 efforts for individuals being prepared to exit the correctional  
15 system.

16 The key performance indicators in the quarterly reports  
17 shall include, but not be limited to various outcomes measures,  
18 such as:

- 19 (1) The number of individuals achieving educational goals,  
20 such as completing general education diploma  
21 requirements and basic and higher education classes;



- 1        (2) The number of individuals for whom a reentry plan is  
2        filed and the number of individuals who exit jail or  
3        prison with a reentry plan;
- 4        (3) Drug test failure rates of inmates while incarcerated  
5        and while on parole;
- 6        (4) Rates at which victim restitution and other financial  
7        obligations are being collected;
- 8        (5) Employment rates of ex-offenders for whom a re-entry  
9        plan has been filed;
- 10       (6) Recidivism rates, with separate data for arrests for  
11       new crimes and violations of the conditions of parole;  
12       and
- 13       (7) Any other performance indicators that measure outcomes  
14       of the program components specified in this Act.

15       The department shall make the performance indicators and  
16       quarterly reports available to the public through the Internet  
17       on the department's website in a timely manner."

18       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry; Performance Indicators

**Description:**

Requires the department of public safety to establish performance indicators to ensure that the department is in compliance with the Community Safety Act of 2007. Requires quarterly reports to the legislature, using key performance indicators, such as inmate drug test failure rates, educational goals achieved, reentry plans, post-incarceration employment, victim restitution paid, and recidivism rates. (SD1)

