
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO REVIEW ITS EFFORTS
OF PROVIDING REENTRY SERVICES TO ALL INMATES RELEASED FROM
CUSTODY.

1 WHEREAS, several bills have been introduced during the 2009
2 Regular Session relating to the provision of reentry services by
3 the Department of Public Safety to furloughed inmates, including
4 the reorganization and establishment of a new reentry services
5 division that would combine the services provided by the present
6 intake service centers with services provided to furloughed
7 inmates to assist their reentry into the community; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has testified in
10 opposition to these measures, citing the fact that intake
11 services and reentry services are dissimilar, having different
12 basic functions and missions in the correctional field; and
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14 WHEREAS, with recidivism rates that range from forty-seven
15 per cent to as high as ninety per cent, depending upon whether
16 the inmate was incarcerated locally or on the mainland, it is of
17 vital importance to the health, safety, and welfare of the
18 community that all efforts be undertaken to ensure the
19 successful reentry of inmates into the community; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has provided
22 testimony that it is currently undergoing internal
23 reorganization efforts specifically designed to streamline and
24 consolidate operations to more efficiently perform its core
25 functions of correctional and inmate management and
26 classification; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2009, that the Department of Public Safety is requested to
31 review its efforts of providing reentry services to all inmates
32 released from custody by considering:
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- 1 (1) Renaming the Intake Service Centers Division as the
2 Intake and Reentry Division to fulfill the objectives
3 of the Department's Reentry Plan by ensuring a
4 continuum of services from correctional facilities to
5 the community;
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- 7 (2) Consolidating within the new Intake and Reentry
8 Division, the functions of the Intake Service Centers
9 and all reentry services provided by the furlough
10 programs in each county preparing inmates for release
11 and reentry into the community;
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- 13 (3) Utilizing the four reentry worker positions that were
14 established in the Intake Service Centers by the 2007
15 Regular Session of the Legislature, to enable the new
16 Intake and Reentry Division to provide case management
17 for the Department's reentry process, provided that
18 positions do not include the security staff associated
19 with the furlough programs, any services under the
20 Corrections Program Services Division, such as
21 education, library, food services, and substance abuse
22 treatment, and volunteer services; and
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- 24 (4) Authorizing the Intake and Reentry Division to work
25 closely and collaborate with the furlough programs of
26 each county under the jurisdiction of the Institution
27 Division, the Corrections Program Services Division,
28 Correctional Industries, the Hawaii Paroling
29 Authority, the Adult Client Services Branch of the
30 Judiciary, the Department of Health, Adult Mental
31 Health Division, and county and community partners;
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
35 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
36 recommendations on the internal reorganization and creation of
37 the proposed Intake and Reentry Division, including any proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
39 to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to Governor; and the Director of
43 Public Safety who, in turn, is asked to transmit copies to the
44 Institution Division, the Corrections Program Services Division,



1 Correctional Industries, and the Hawaii Paroling Authority; the
2 Director of Adult Mental Health of the Department of Health; and
3 the Administrator of the Adult Client Services Branch of the
4 Judiciary.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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