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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 (Act 8), also known as the Community Safety Act of 2007 and  
3   codified as chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established a  
4   comprehensive offender reentry system under the purview of the  
5   department of public safety. Act 8 also requires the department  
6   of public safety to submit annual reports through 2010 relating  
7   to the implementation, progress, and effectiveness of the  
8   program components specified in Act 8.

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

16           The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of  
17   public safety to establish key performance indicators or

1 measures to be incorporated in reports that evaluate the  
2 outcomes of program components as required in Act 8.

3 SECTION 2. The department of public safety shall develop  
4 performance measures that accurately reflect progress toward  
5 specific goals, including but not limited to:

- 6 (1) Improving recidivism rates;
- 7 (2) Decreasing prisoner assaults on correctional staff;
- 8 (3) Reducing correctional staff turnover; and
- 9 (4) Improving departmental efficiencies in staffing,  
10 budgeting, and data management and analysis.

11 SECTION 3. The department of public safety shall submit a  
12 report to the legislature within thirty days of the last working  
13 day of the months of April, August, and December, beginning with  
14 the period ending on August 31, 2009. Each report shall  
15 reference key performance indicators that track rehabilitation  
16 and reentry efforts for individuals being prepared to exit the  
17 correctional system.

18 The key performance indicators shall include, but not be  
19 limited to:

- 20 (1) The number of individuals enrolled in and who have  
21 completed a general education diploma or competency-  
22 based diploma;

- 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) The number of inmates currently enrolled in and who
- 7                   have completed drug treatment programs provided by the
- 8                   department of public safety;
- 9           (5) The number of inmates currently enrolled in and who
- 10                  have completed restorative circles;
- 11           (6) The number of parolees who have applied for a
- 12                   reduction of their minimum sentence, the number of
- 13                   applications approved and denied, and, when
- 14                   applicable, the reasons for the denial of a parolee's
- 15                   application; and
- 16           (7) The number of parole revocation hearings and the
- 17                   results of parole revocation hearings that, when
- 18                   applicable, explain why the parolees' revocation was
- 19                   denied.

20           The department of public safety shall post the reports

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1 electronically on the department's internet website in a timely  
2 manner.

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

**Report Title:**

Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry System; Performance Indicators

**Description:**

Requires the department of public safety to establish performance indicators; requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature. (SD1)