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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a promising approach  
2 to reducing recidivism and helping inmates make the successful  
3 transition from prison to the community is through establishing  
4 transition programs at correctional facilities that can foster  
5 cultural learning. When combined with strategies that help  
6 inmates connect with the values of Hawaiian culture, the  
7 transition programs can help break the vicious cycle of crime  
8 and punishment and cope with social challenges.

9       The Kulani correctional facility, in collaboration with the  
10 Hawaii community college, has developed a greenhouse program in  
11 which inmates build and maintain the facilities, grow native  
12 plants, raise hydroponic vegetables, and learn landscaping  
13 techniques. A similarly modeled program could offer non-violent  
14 inmates an opportunity to take part in efforts to restore  
15 Hawaiian culturally significant sites that have been identified  
16 and selected by the office of Hawaiian affairs.

17       The purpose of this Act is to establish a Hawaiian cultural  
18 restoration program for non-violent inmates to participate in a



1 work force dedicated to the preservation and restoration of  
2 historic Hawaiian sites and areas, as determined by the office  
3 of Hawaiian affairs.

4 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2012, the  
5 department of public safety shall establish a temporary pilot  
6 program to be known as the Hawaiian cultural restoration program  
7 that will provide working opportunities for non-violent inmates  
8 to participate in the restoration and rebuilding of sites  
9 culturally significant to Hawaiian history. The department of  
10 public safety shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91,  
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, defining "non-violent inmates" for the  
12 purposes of this Act and setting forth criteria for the  
13 selection of inmates for the pilot program.

14 Inmates selected for the pilot program shall be able-bodied  
15 individuals capable of heavy construction work, including  
16 building a barracks and other living facilities to house the  
17 pilot program participants near the work site.

18 (b) The pilot program shall provide skills development  
19 training that incorporates instruction in the methods of  
20 rebuilding the historical site and on the background and  
21 cultural significance of the site.



1 (c) The office of Hawaiian affairs shall determine and  
2 identify the sites to be restored by the Hawaiian cultural  
3 restoration program. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall  
4 ensure that initial sites chosen for this program shall be on  
5 lands classified as rural districts pursuant to section 205-2,  
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7 For purposes of funding, the Hawaiian cultural restoration  
8 program shall be considered an office of Hawaiian affairs  
9 project under section 10-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 (d) The Hawaiian cultural restoration program shall cease  
11 to exist on June 30, 2015.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and  
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2012-2013 for the Hawaiian cultural restoration program;  
17 provided that the moneys allocated to the program shall reduce  
18 any appropriations to the office of Hawaiian affairs by an  
19 equivalent amount.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
21 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Inmate Rehabilitation; Historical Site Restoration;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for a program within DPS that assigns non-violent inmates to a work detail that restores historical sites selected by OHA. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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