
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

PART I

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES OF INCARCERATED PERSONS

SECTION 1. The department of public safety is in the process of developing a system to identify children of incarcerated parents, develop programs and support services for those children, provide appropriate support for incarcerated parents, and develop programs to strengthen the well-being of those families. The legislature finds that it is crucial to the rehabilitation process that families of incarcerated persons have sufficient security and are in a comfortable state. Strong families and family ties, particularly with regard to children of incarcerated persons, provide a level of hope and normalcy in life to the inmate.

The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for programs to strengthen the well-being of families of incarcerated persons and help children of incarcerated persons.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
2 programs to strengthen the well-being of families of
3 incarcerated persons.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 public safety for the purposes of this part.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
9 programs to help children of incarcerated persons.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 public safety for the purposes of this part.

12 PART II

13 RESTORATIVE CIRCLES PROGRAM

14 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that restorative circles
15 is based on restorative justice, which is an approach to justice
16 that focuses on the needs of victims, offenders, and the
17 community. Victims take an active role in the process, and
18 offenders are encouraged to take responsibility for their
19 actions by making an apology to the victims and expressing
20 remorse for the offender's misdeeds. The process involves the
21 collaboration of victim and offender in a voluntary, mutual, and
22 supportive verbal interaction to heal wounds. The process also



1 provides help for the offender to avoid future offenses.
2 Restorative circles implements the theory of justice that crime
3 is a wrongdoing against the victim and the community, rather
4 than solely on the State.

5 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for the
6 restorative circles program.

7 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
10 the restorative circles program.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 public safety for the purposes of this part.

13 PART III

14 GOING HOME PROGRAM

15 SECTION 6. The legislature finds that the Hawaii county
16 workforce investment board provides a comprehensive prison-to-
17 community reentry program for incarcerated persons on the island
18 of Hawaii. The reentry program, known as "going home", is part
19 of Hawaii county's labor force pool expansion. The Hawaii
20 Island Workforce and Economic Development Ohana, Inc., is the
21 coordinating entity for the going home program, which promotes
22 the development of a highly competent and productive workforce



1 by coordinating the efforts of educational institutions, labor,
2 business, economic development organizations, and the entire
3 community to sustain a vibrant Big Island economy and lifestyle.

4 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds as a
5 grant-in-aid for funding the going home program.

6 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a grant
9 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Hawaii
10 county to provide funding for the going home program provided
11 through the Hawaii county workforce investment board.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
13 Hawaii for the purposes of this part.

14 PART IV

15 BEING EMPOWERED AND SAFE TOGETHER PROGRAM

16 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that the "being empowered
17 and safe together" program administered by Maui Economic
18 Opportunity, Inc., in collaboration with the department of
19 public safety, serves individuals who are preparing to return to
20 the community from Maui community correctional center. The
21 program provides comprehensive transitional assistance to
22 inmates and ex-inmates, with the goals of reducing recidivism



1 and increasing public safety. The typical individual served has
2 been convicted of serious and violent offenses and incarcerated
3 for over a year.

4 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds as a
5 grant-in-aid to fund the being empowered and safe together
6 program and other programs of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

7 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
10 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Maui
11 county to provide funding for the being empowered and safe
12 together program or other programs administered by Maui Economic
13 Opportunity, Inc., for inmates and ex-inmates.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
15 Maui for the purposes of this part.

16 PART V

17 BUILDING JOB SKILLS

18 SECTION 10. The legislature finds that the department of
19 public safety provides programs to teach inmates transferable
20 job skills and a positive work ethic to help prepare them for
21 post-release, reentry, and employment in the community. The
22 goal of these programs, usually provided through the



1 correctional industries division, is to return an economically
2 self-sufficient individual to the community who will be able to
3 immediately join the workforce and become a productive, law
4 abiding member of society.

5 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for
6 building job skills of inmates.

7 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
10 building job skills of inmates, particularly those who are soon
11 to be paroled.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 public safety for the purposes of this part.

14 PART VI

15 NO LOOKING BACK PROGRAM

16 SECTION 12. The legislature finds that the "no looking
17 back program" assists incarcerated men to successfully
18 transition back into the community through mentorship. This
19 voluntary mentorship program is based on the "each one, teach
20 one" philosophy that begins while the offender is incarcerated
21 and is transitioned back into the community. Program
22 participants are educated on the principles of success, starting



1 with the setting of clear and manageable tasks, the learning of
2 basic skills such as time management and budget planning, the
3 discarding of unproductive habits, and the nurturing of new
4 patterns of behavior, and ending with the making of changes to
5 help them achieve their goals.

6 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds as a grant
7 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to fund the no
8 looking back program.

9 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
12 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
13 Golden Castle Foundation to provide funding for the no looking
14 back program.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 public safety for the purposes of this part.

17 SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Public Safety; Appropriations

Description:

Makes appropriations for various rehabilitation, reentry, job skill, and other support programs under the Department of Public Safety and the counties for incarcerated persons and their families. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2063 HD1)

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