
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 a
5 connection to an inmate's cultural ancestry. When combined with
6 strategies that help Hawaiian inmates reconnect with the values
7 of Hawaiian culture, the transition programs can help break the
8 vicious cycle of crime and punishment as knowledge of such
9 cultural values have helped many cope with social challenges.

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



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1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a Hawaiian cultural
2 restoration program for non-violent inmates to participate in a
3 work force dedicated to the preservation and restoration of
4 historic Hawaiian sites and areas as determined by the office of
5 Hawaiian affairs.

6 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2011, the
7 department of public safety shall establish a temporary pilot
8 program to be known as the Hawaiian cultural restoration program
9 that will provide working opportunities for non-violent inmates
10 to participate in the restoration and rebuilding of sites
11 culturally significant to Hawaiian history.

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

16 (b) The pilot program shall provide skills development
17 training that will incorporate instruction in the methods of
18 rebuilding the historical site as well as the background and
19 cultural significance of the site.

20 (c) The office of Hawaiian affairs shall determine and
21 identify the sites to be restored by the Hawaiian cultural
22 restoration program. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall



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Report Title:

Inmate Rehabilitation; Historical Site Restoration

Description:

Establishes a program within the Department of Public Safety that assigns select, non-violent inmates on a work detail that restores historical sites selected by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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