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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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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 the 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 \$100,000 or so much



1 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 \$50,000 or so much
8 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

14 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that restorative circles
15 are based on restorative justice, which is an approach to
16 justice 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 the wounds. In addition,



1 it provides help for the offender in order to avoid future
2 offenses. Restorative circles implement the theory of justice
3 that crime is a wrongdoing against the victim and the community,
4 rather than solely 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 \$60,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
10 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 FOR EX-OFFENDERS IN HAWAII COUNTY

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, and its mission
22 is to promote the development of a highly competent and



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

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

7 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
10 grant-in-aid to Hawaii county to provide funding for the "going
11 home" program provided through the Hawaii county workforce
12 investment board.

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

15 PART IV.

16 PROGRAM FOR EX-OFFENDERS ON MAUI

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



1 inmates and ex-inmates, with the goals of reducing recidivism
2 and increasing public safety. The typical individual served has
3 been convicted of serious and violent offenses and incarcerated
4 for over a year.

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

8 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
11 grant-in-aid to Hawaii county to provide funding for the "being
12 empowered and safe together" program or other programs
13 administered by Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., for inmates and
14 ex-inmates.

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

17 PART V.

18 BUILDING JOB SKILLS

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



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

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

8 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$90,000 or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
 11 building job skills of inmates, particularly those who are soon
 12 to be paroled.

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

15 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.
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Public Safety; Appropriations

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Makes appropriations for various rehabilitation, reentry, and job skill programs of the department of public safety.

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