
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many youth currently
2 placed in the Hawaii youth correctional facility could be safely
3 supervised in their communities and provided with treatment and
4 programming to reduce future delinquency in more cost-effective
5 ways.

6 The legislature further finds that in order to more
7 effectively respond to juvenile delinquency, and to provide
8 adequate supervision for youth in their communities, Hawaii must
9 fund practices proven to reduce recidivism. Funding for such
10 evidence-based practices must take the form of an upfront
11 investment in the initial fiscal year, followed by regular
12 reinvestments of savings from the budget for the Hawaii youth
13 correctional facility.

14 The legislature also finds that many justice system-
15 involved youth are in need of mental health treatment, substance
16 abuse treatment, and other practices or interventions that are
17 proven to reduce the likelihood of future delinquency in cost-
18 effective ways. It is important to fund statewide practices



1 that are proven to address mental health and substance abuse
2 issues.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
4 evidence-based practices and programs that will reduce future
5 delinquency by Hawaii's youth in cost-effective ways including
6 the funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment
7 programs.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
11 evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism and
12 improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely have been
13 sent to the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the family court
15 division of the judiciary for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. After the objectives and purposes of the
17 appropriations made in the Hawaii youth correctional facility
18 budget have been met, in the last month of every fiscal year,
19 the executive director of the office of youth services shall
20 certify to the director of finance the amount of unexpended
21 funds due to average daily population reductions in the Hawaii
22 youth correctional facility. No later than July 1 of every



1 year, the director of finance shall transfer the sum of the
2 unexpended funds to the family court division of the judiciary
3 to fund evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism
4 and improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely have
5 been sent to the Hawaii youth correctional facility. The family
6 court division shall divide the funds amongst the four judicial
7 circuits in the following proportion:

- 8 (1) The first circuit: forty-five per cent;
- 9 (2) The second circuit: twenty-five per cent;
- 10 (3) The third circuit: twenty per cent; and
- 11 (4) The fifth circuit: ten per cent.

12 SECTION 4. The family court division shall submit annual
13 reports to the legislature reporting the services or programs
14 selected pursuant to sections 2 and 3, the number of youth
15 served by each service or program, and the case outcomes for
16 youth.

17 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
20 the office of youth services in the department of human services
21 to contract for mental health treatment, substance abuse
22 treatment, and practices proven to reduce the likelihood of

1 recidivism among court-involved youth or youth placed on
2 probation.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 human services for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. The office of youth services shall submit
6 annual reports to the legislature describing the services or
7 programs selected pursuant to section 5, the number of youth
8 served by each service or program, and the aggregate outcomes
9 for those youth.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; Juvenile Justice;
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Description:

Appropriates funds to the family court division of the judiciary and the office of youth services in the department of human services to reduce juvenile delinquency recidivism through evidence-based practices and mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, respectively.

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