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# 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 to more effectively  
7 respond to juvenile delinquency, and to provide adequate  
8 supervision for youth in their communities, Hawaii must fund  
9 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 reinvestment 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. (a) In the last month of every fiscal year,  
9 the executive director of the office of youth services shall  
10 certify to the director of finance the amount of unexpended  
11 funds after the objectives and purposes of the appropriations  
12 made in the Hawaii youth correctional facility budget have been  
13 met due to average daily population reductions in the Hawaii  
14 youth correctional facility. No later than July 1 of every  
15 year, the director of finance shall transfer the unexpended  
16 funds certified by the executive director of the office of youth  
17 services to the family court division of the judiciary to fund  
18 evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism and  
19 improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely have been  
20 sent to the Hawaii youth correctional facility. The family  
21 court division shall divide the funds among the four judicial  
22 circuits in the following percentages:



1 (1) The first circuit: forty-five per cent;

2 (2) The second circuit: twenty-five per cent;

3 (3) The third circuit: twenty per cent; and

4 (4) The fifth circuit: ten per cent.

5 (b) The family court division shall submit annual reports  
6 to the legislature reporting the services or programs funded  
7 pursuant to this section, the number of youth served by each  
8 service or program, and the case outcomes for youth.

9 SECTION 3. 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 2014-2015 for  
12 evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism and  
13 improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely be sent to  
14 the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

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

17 SECTION 4. 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; provided that the office of youth services shall  
3 submit annual reports to the legislature describing the services  
4 or programs funded, the number of youth served by each service  
5 or program, and the aggregate outcomes for those youth.

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

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; Juvenile Justice;  
Recidivism; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the family court division of the judiciary and the office of youth services to reduce juvenile delinquency recidivism through evidence-based practices and mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, respectively. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB2489 HD1)

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