
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 more cost-
4 effective treatment and programming to reduce future
5 delinquency.

6 The legislature further finds that to respond more
7 effectively 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 evidence-
10 based practices should take the form of an upfront investment in
11 the initial fiscal year, followed by regular reinvestment of
12 savings from the budget for the Hawaii youth correctional
13 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.



1 Therefore, it is important to fund statewide practices that are
2 proven to address mental health and substance abuse issues.

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

7 SECTION 2. (a) In the last month of each fiscal year, the
8 executive director of the office of youth services shall certify
9 to the director of finance the amount of unexpended funds after
10 the objectives and purposes of the appropriations made in the
11 Hawaii youth correctional facility budget have been met due to
12 average daily population reductions in the Hawaii youth
13 correctional facility. No later than July 1 of each year, the
14 director of finance shall transfer the unexpended funds
15 certified by the executive director of the office of youth
16 services to the family court division of the judiciary to fund
17 evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism and
18 improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely have been
19 sent to the Hawaii youth correctional facility. The family
20 court division shall divide the funds among the four judicial
21 circuits in the following percentages:

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



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

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

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

4 (b) The family court division shall submit annual reports
5 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
6 convening of each regular session, reporting the services or
7 programs funded pursuant to this section, the number of youth
8 served by each service or program, and the case outcomes for
9 youth.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
13 evidence-based practices intended to reduce recidivism and
14 improve outcomes for youth who otherwise would likely be sent to
15 the Hawaii youth correctional facility.

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

18 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
21 the office of youth services in the department of human services
22 to contract for mental health treatment, substance abuse



1 treatment, and practices proven to reduce the likelihood of
2 recidivism among court-involved youth or youth placed on
3 probation; provided that the office of youth services shall
4 submit annual reports to the legislature no later than twenty
5 days prior to the convening of each regular session, describing
6 the services or programs funded, the number of youth served by
7 each service or program, and the aggregate outcomes for those
8 youth.

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

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



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 to reduce juvenile delinquency recidivism through evidence-based practices and mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, respectively. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2489 HD2)

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