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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 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 such  
10 evidence-based practices should 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.



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  
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) After the objectives and purposes of the  
9 appropriations made in the Hawaii youth correctional facility  
10 budget have been met due to average daily population reductions  
11 in the Hawaii youth correctional facility, in the last month of  
12 each fiscal year, the executive director of the office of youth  
13 services shall certify to the director of finance the amount of  
14 unexpended funds. No later than July 1 of each year, the  
15 director of finance shall transfer the unexpended funds  
16 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 proportion:



- 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 no later than twenty days prior to the  
7 convening of each regular session, reporting the services or  
8 programs funded pursuant to this section, the number of youth  
9 served by each service or program, and the case outcomes for  
10 youth.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for  
14 the office of youth services in the department of human services  
15 to contract for mental health treatment, substance abuse  
16 treatment, and practices proven to reduce the likelihood of  
17 recidivism among court-involved youth or youth placed on  
18 probation; provided that the office of youth services shall  
19 submit annual reports to the legislature no later than twenty  
20 days prior to the convening of each regular session, describing  
21 the services or programs funded, the number of youth served by

1 each service or program, and the aggregate outcomes for those  
2 youth.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; Juvenile Justice;  
Recidivism; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Office of Youth Services to reduce juvenile delinquency recidivism through mental health and substance abuse treatment programs. (SD1)

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