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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 in the  
2 justice system are in need of mental health treatment, substance  
3 abuse treatment, and other services or interventions that are  
4 proven to reduce the likelihood of future delinquency in cost-  
5 effective ways. The legislature further finds that practices  
6 proven to address mental health and substance abuse issues in  
7 Hawaii need to be funded.

8           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
9 office of youth services to contract for mental health  
10 treatment, substance abuse treatment, and practices proven to  
11 reduce the likelihood of recidivism among court-involved youth  
12 or youth placed on probation.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for  
16 the office of youth services in the department of human services  
17 to contract for mental health treatment, substance abuse  
18 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 3. No later than twenty days prior to the  
6 convening of each regular session, beginning with the regular  
7 session of 2015, the office of youth services shall report  
8 annually to the legislature regarding:

9 (1) The services or programs contracted for pursuant to  
10 this Act;

11 (2) The number of youth served by each service or program;  
12 and

13 (3) The aggregate outcomes for those youth.

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

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# H.B. NO. 2659

**Report Title:**

Office of Youth Services; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the office of youth services to contract for mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and practices proven to reduce the likelihood of recidivism among court-involved youth or youth placed on probation.

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