



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1329**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 7, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2630 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY  
**ACT 227 (16)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. Section 354D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§354D-4 Powers and duties of the director. Under the supervision of the director or the director's designee, the administrator of the correctional industries program shall:

(1) Develop programs generating revenue that best sustains their operation and allows for capital investment, and reimburses the general fund, when possible, for the expense of correctional services;

(2) Develop programs providing the maximum level of work and training opportunities for qualified, able-bodied inmates;

(3) Develop programs assuming responsibility for training qualified, ~~[able-bodied]~~ appropriately screened inmates in ~~[general work]~~ applicable work and specific training skills that increase their employment prospects after release;



- 1           (4) Develop programs in which inmates can learn skills  
2           used in the construction and other industries, while  
3           providing low-cost construction, renovation, and  
4           repairs of facilities, grounds, furniture, vehicles,  
5           and equipment for private, nonprofit social services,  
6           health, or education agencies and programs;
- 7           (5) Acquire or purchase equipment, materials, supplies,  
8           office space, insurance, and services necessary to  
9           establish and maintain programs pursuant to this  
10          chapter;
- 11          (6) [~~Use labor services~~] Conduct industries or enterprises  
12          for the employment of qualified, able-bodied inmates  
13          in the manufacture or production of [~~goods~~] articles  
14          and products deemed appropriate for sale by the  
15          director and the provision of services for sale to the  
16          public or that [are] may be needed for the  
17          construction, operation, [~~or~~] maintenance, or use of  
18          any office, department, institution, or agency  
19          supported in whole or in part by [~~the State, the~~  
20          ~~counties,~~] a state and its political subdivisions or  
21          the federal government;



1       ~~[(7) Sell all goods and services to the State, the~~  
2           ~~counties, or the federal government.]~~

3       ~~[(8)]~~ (7) Sell uniforms and uniform accessories to state-  
4           employed adult corrections officers;

5       ~~[(9)]~~ (8) Purchase, lease, trade, exchange, acquire, and  
6           maintain personal property; and

7       ~~[(10)]~~ (9) Accept grants or loans from the State, the  
8           counties, or the federal government."

9       SECTION 2. Section 354D-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10      repealed.

11       ~~["[§354D-15] Sale of goods. It shall be unlawful to sell,~~  
12      ~~or offer for sale, on the open market of this State, any~~  
13      ~~articles or products manufactured or produced, wholly or in~~  
14      ~~part, under this chapter. Goods or services produced by venture~~  
15      ~~agreements under section 354D-13 shall be exempt from this~~  
16      ~~limitation."]~~

17                               PART II

18       SECTION 3. The legislature finds that Hawaii's prison  
19      system houses many more inmates than it was designed to  
20      accommodate and may be in danger of violating federal standards,  
21      although there have been continual discussions about building



1 new prison facilities that would be completed in five to ten  
2 years. One reason the prison system is overburdened is that  
3 49.6 per cent of convicted felons return to prison within one  
4 year after their release.

5 The reentry of former inmates into society has often been  
6 difficult because:

7 (1) Training they received while incarcerated has become  
8 obsolete and is no longer economically relevant;

9 (2) They acquired negative habits in prison and are not  
10 motivated to seek lawful employment; and

11 (3) They lack the necessary skills and training to secure  
12 meaningful employment that provides adequate pay and  
13 is conducive to a more normal lifestyle.

14 In order to reduce recidivism, several states have  
15 established programs that include training and mentoring to give  
16 inmates an opportunity to learn professional, vocational, and  
17 entrepreneurial skills that will facilitate their reentry into  
18 society.

19 The purpose of this part is to require the department of  
20 business, economic development, and tourism to conduct a study  
21 of the feasibility of establishing a training and mentoring



1 program for qualified prison inmates that will provide the tools  
2 they need to find meaningful employment upon release and thereby  
3 decrease the burden of recidivism and incarceration on taxpayers  
4 and the State.

5 SECTION 4. The department of business, economic  
6 development, and tourism's Hawaii community-based economic  
7 development technical and financial assistance program shall  
8 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a  
9 training and mentoring program for qualified prison inmates, to  
10 be called the reentry academy for training and entrepreneurial  
11 resources (RAFTER), to facilitate their reentry into society.

12 In conducting the study, the department shall cooperate  
13 with the visitor and resort industries, labor unions, the  
14 construction industry, community colleges, and the University of  
15 Hawaii, to identify the kinds of training and mentoring required  
16 to succeed in various professions, industries, vocations, and  
17 trades. The department shall also develop a component to offer  
18 inmates training in life skills such as personal hygiene and  
19 grooming, dressing for success, exercise, healthy diets, time  
20 management, dealing with family relationships, responsible  
21 finances, and basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills.



1 The department shall submit a report of its findings and  
2 recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days  
3 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

4 The report shall be reviewed by the reentry commission and  
5 the house and senate standing committees with jurisdiction over  
6 public safety.

7 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to carry  
10 out the purposes of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
13 this Act.

14 PART III

15 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
18 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUL , 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII