

JAN 22 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Research has demonstrated that nonviolent, low-
2 risk drug offenders can be effectively and safely transitioned
3 from jail or prison to community status through the availability
4 of a comprehensive and coordinated continuum of evidence-based
5 treatment services. Strong empirical evidence has consistently
6 demonstrated that substance abuse treatment reduces crime and is
7 cost-effective, with research studies documenting savings of \$10
8 to \$18 for every \$1 spent. Through the use of evidence-based
9 practices, community drug treatment programs can effectively
10 break the costly cycle of offender drug use, crime, and
11 incarceration by significantly reducing recidivism. The goals
12 and benefits of such a comprehensive and coordinated continuum
13 of treatment services include:

14 (1) Reducing the prison population and the cost of
15 incarceration by decreasing recidivism among
16 nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders;



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1 (2) Identifying a network of key resources necessary for
2 success; and

3 (3) Preserving public safety through careful initial
4 screening and continued monitoring of participants in
5 the project as they live in the community.

6 The legislature finds that Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii
7 2014, established a two-year reentry pilot project for
8 nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders which expires on June 30,
9 2016.

10 The purpose of this Act is to extend the reentry pilot
11 project for two more years to further demonstrate the cost-
12 effectiveness of providing a coordinated system of reentry
13 treatment and support services to help nonviolent, low-risk drug
14 offenders transition from jail or prison back into the community
15 and to require annual reports to be submitted to the legislature
16 by the department of public safety prior to the 2017 and 2018
17 regular sessions.

18 SECTION 2. Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is
19 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

20 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014,
21 and shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2016-~~] 2018."



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
 4 the reentry pilot project for nonviolent, low-risk drug
 5 offenders.

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

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2016;
 11 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2016;
 12 provided further that this Act shall be repealed on June 30,
 13 2018.

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Report Title:

Reentry Pilot Project; Nonviolent, Low-risk Drug Offenders;
Appropriation

Description:

Extends the reentry pilot project for nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders. Makes an appropriation. Repeals on June 30, 2018.

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