



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 22, 2017

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1156**

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on June 22, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB845 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION  
**ACT 056 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§353H- Offender reentry; identification documents. (a)

5 The department, in collaboration with the department of  
6 transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall  
7 inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to  
8 obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI  
9 of chapter 286, and upon request shall issue civil  
10 identification cards to inmates who have one year or less prior  
11 to the inmate's parole or release date remaining on their prison  
12 sentence.

13           (b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate  
14 federal, state, and county agencies, shall inform inmates of the  
15 availability of departmental assistance to obtain the inmate's  
16 birth certificate, social security card, and any other relevant  
17 identification documents necessary for the inmate to transition  
18 into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing,



1 and upon request shall assist the inmates who have one year or  
2 less prior to the inmate's parole or release date.

3 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended  
4 furlough, or community placement programs, the department of  
5 public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate  
6 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior  
7 to the inmate being released."

8 SECTION 2. The director of public safety shall submit an  
9 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
10 to the convening of each regular session, starting with the  
11 regular session of 2019, that shall include:

12 (1) The number of inmates who have been released from  
13 prison with, and without, civil identification cards,  
14 birth certificates, social security cards, and other  
15 relevant identification documents necessary for the  
16 inmates to transition into the workforce, access  
17 social services, and secure housing;

18 (2) The identification of impediments encountered in  
19 assisting inmates in obtaining their documents and  
20 civil identification cards; and



1 (3) Any recommendations, proposed legislation, and other  
2 relevant information deemed appropriate by the  
3 director of public safety.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the  
7 department of public safety, in collaboration with the  
8 department of transportation, examiner of drivers of each  
9 county, and other appropriate federal, state, and county  
10 agencies, to issue civil identification cards, in accordance  
11 with part XVI of chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
12 inmates who have one year or less remaining on their prison  
13 sentence and to assist the inmates in obtaining their birth  
14 certificate, social security card, and any other relevant  
15 identification documents necessary for the inmates to transition  
16 into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing.

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

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.



APPROVED this 22 day of JUN, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

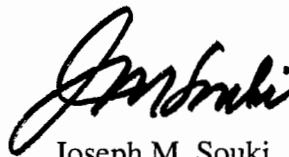
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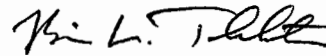
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives





Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate