
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 be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§353H- Offender reentry; identification documents. (a)
5 The department of public safety, in collaboration with the
6 department of transportation and the examiner of drivers of each
7 county, shall issue civil identification cards, in accordance
8 with part XVI of chapter 286, to inmates who have one year or
9 less remaining on their prison sentence.
10 (b) The department of public safety, in collaboration with
11 appropriate federal, state, and county agencies, shall assist
12 inmates who have one year or less remaining on their prison
13 sentence to obtain their birth certificate, social security
14 card, and any other relevant identification documents necessary
15 for the inmates to transition into the workforce, access social
16 services, and secure housing."



1 SECTION 2. The director of public safety shall submit an
2 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
3 to the convening of each regular session, starting with the
4 regular session of 2018, that shall include:

- 5 (1) The number of inmates who have been released from
6 prison with, and without, civil identification cards,
7 birth certificates, social security cards, and other
8 relevant identification documents necessary for the
9 inmates to transition into the workforce, access
10 social services, and secure housing;
- 11 (2) The identification of impediments encountered in
12 assisting inmates in obtaining their documents and
13 civil identification cards; and
- 14 (3) Any recommendations, proposed legislation, and other
15 relevant information deemed appropriate by the
16 director of public safety.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2018-2019 for the department of public safety, in collaboration



1 with the department of transportation, examiner of drivers of
2 each county, and other appropriate federal, state, and county
3 agencies, to issue civil identification cards, in accordance
4 with part XVI of chapter 286, to inmates who have one year or
5 less remaining on their prison sentence and to assist the
6 inmates in obtaining their birth certificate, social security
7 card, and any other relevant identification documents necessary
8 for the inmates to transition into the workforce, access social
9 services, and secure housing.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
11 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

Inmates; Identification Cards; Reentry; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Public Safety in collaboration with county and state agencies to issue civil identification cards to inmates and to assist inmates in obtaining their birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society.
(HB845 HD1)

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