
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 of public safety, in collaboration with the
6 department of transportation and the examiner of drivers of each
7 county, shall inform inmates that departmental assistance is
8 available to obtain civil identification cards, in accordance
9 with part XVI 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 of public safety, in collaboration with
14 appropriate federal, state, and county agencies, shall inform
15 inmates of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain
16 the inmate's birth certificate, social security card, and any
17 other relevant identification documents necessary for the inmate



1 to transition into the workforce, access social services, and
2 secure housing, and upon request shall assist the inmates who
3 have one year or less prior to the inmate's parole or release
4 date."

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

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



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2018-2019 for the department of public safety, in collaboration
6 with the department of transportation, examiner of drivers of
7 each county, and other appropriate federal, state, and county
8 agencies, to issue civil identification cards, in accordance
9 with part XVI of chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
10 inmates who have one year or less remaining on their prison
11 sentence and to assist the inmates in obtaining their birth
12 certificate, social security card, and any other relevant
13 identification documents necessary for the inmates to transition
14 into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing.

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

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Inmates; Identification Cards; Reentry; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Public Safety in collaboration with county and state agencies and, upon request of the inmate, to issue civil identification cards to inmates and to assist inmate in obtaining the inmate's birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society. (HB845 HD2)

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