
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



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

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

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

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

19 (2) The identification of impediments encountered in
20 assisting inmates in obtaining their documents and
21 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 \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2018-2019 for the department of public safety, in
9 collaboration with the department of transportation, examiner of
10 drivers of each county, and other appropriate federal, state,
11 and county agencies, to issue civil identification cards, in
12 accordance with part XVI of chapter 286, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, to inmates who have one year or less remaining on
14 their prison sentence and to assist the inmates in obtaining
15 their birth certificate, social security card, and any other
16 relevant identification documents necessary for the inmates to
17 transition into the workforce, access social services, and
18 secure housing.

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

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Inmates; Identification Cards; Reentry; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to issue civil identification cards to inmates and to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society. Requires the Department of Public Safety to initiate the process of assisting inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs at least ninety days prior to the inmates' release. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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