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December 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

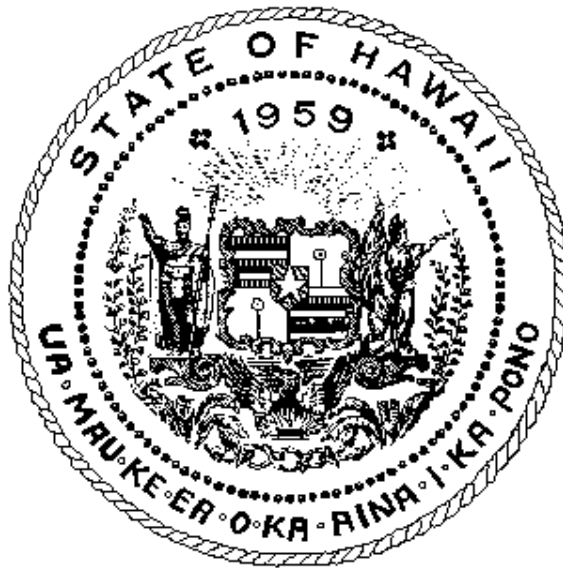
For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the **Reentry Coordination Office Annual Report on Civil Identification Documents**, as required by Act 56, Section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:
<https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Reentry-Coordination-Office-Annual-Report-on-Civil-Identification-Documents.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max N. Otani".

Max N. Otani
Director

Enclosure



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2022 LEGISLATURE**

**REENTRY COORDINATION OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT ON
CIVIL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

December 2021

OVERVIEW

Act 56, Section 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (§353J-32, HRS – Offender Reentry; Identification Documents) requires the Department of Public Safety (PSD), in collaboration with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Examiner of Drivers in each county, to inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to obtain civil identification cards. In addition, the statute requires PSD, in collaboration with appropriate federal, state, and county agencies, to inform inmates of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain the inmates' birth certificates, social security card, and any other relevant identification documents necessary to ease inmates' transition into the workforce, access to social services and housing, and upon request, provide this assistance to inmates with one year or less before their parole or release date.

Further, PSD is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than twenty (20) days prior to the convening of each regular session to include:

- a) The number of inmates released from prison with, and without civil identification cards, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and any other relevant identification documents necessary for their transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing;
- b) The identification of impediments encountered in assisting inmates in obtaining their documents and civil identification cards; and
- c) Any recommendations, proposed legislation, and other relevant information deemed appropriate by the Director of PSD.

REPORT DETAILS

The following tables show the number of sentenced felons, prison and jail, who were released from custody statewide, **between November 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021**, with and without the three (3) *main* types of civil identification documents.

As with other State programs, the Department was severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through FY2021 and continues to slowly recover through the end of Calendar Year 2021, making it possible for Reentry Coordination Office staff to resume reentry activities and slowly increase the numbers of successful procurement of needed documents:

PRISON					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
403	432	591	262	430	408

JAIL					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
245	246	258	222	245	226

In March 2020, Governor Ige, issued a proclamation, ordering a statewide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic that was causing increased infections and deaths. To combat the rising infection rate occurring at facilities statewide, PSD halted all furlough participation and staff were tasked with other duties, affecting reentry efforts.

Between November 30, 2019 and September 30, 2020:

<u>PRISON</u>					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
324	351	578	140	328	379

<u>JAIL</u>					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
275	140	262	166	260	159

Following the passing of HRS 353H, procedures and forms for inmates to completed were developed, leading to the creation of a baseline for staff to monitor and improve on:

Between November 30, 2018 to October 30, 2019:

<u>PRISON</u>					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
438	375	480	312	428	362

<u>JAIL</u>					
ID CARD		BIRTH CERTIFICATE		SOCIAL SECURITY CARD	
With	Without	With	Without	With	Without
220	276	212	254	221	231