
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§353H-32 Offender reentry; identification documents. (a) The department, in collaboration with the department of transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI of chapter 286, and upon request shall ~~[issue civil identification cards to]~~ assist inmates who have one year or less prior to the inmate's parole or release date remaining on their prison sentence~~[.]~~ in obtaining a civil identification card.

(b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate federal, state, and county agencies, shall also inform inmates of the availability of departmental assistance to obtain the inmate's birth certificate, social security card, and any other relevant identification documents necessary for the inmate to

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

5 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended
6 furlough, or community placement programs, the department of
7 public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate
8 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior
9 to the inmate being released[-]; provided that the inmate
10 requests assistance after being notified that assistance is
11 available."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

SB. NO. 3137

Report Title:

Comprehensive Offender Reentry System.

Description:

Amends section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and county Examiners of Drivers to assist inmates in procuring civil identification necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing, rather than issue civil identification cards.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that
the Department of Public Safety's role is to
work with the Department of Transportation
and the county Examiners of Drivers to
assist inmates in procuring civil
identification necessary to transition into
the workforce, access social services, and
secure housing.

MEANS: Amend section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised
Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: These amendments are necessary to clarify
that other agencies are the actual, legal
issuers of civil identification cards, and
the Department of Public Safety's role is to
assist inmates in obtaining identification
documents, access services, and secure
housing.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The amendment clarifies the role of the
Department of Public Safety in assisting
inmates to obtain necessary documents for
successful reentry into the community.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: PSD 900.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Transportation; City
and County of Honolulu, Department
of Customer Services, Motor
Vehicle, Licensing, and Permits
Division; County of Hawaii

Department of Finance, Vehicle
Registration and Licensing
Division; County of Kauai,
Department of Finance, Driver
Licensing and Motor Vehicles
Division; County of Maui,
Department of Finance, Division of
Motor Vehicles and Licensing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.