
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCARCERATED WOMEN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in August 2021,
2 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice was awarded \$250,000 from
3 the governor's emergency education relief fund. The moneys were
4 part of more than \$8,000,000 allocated to the State for purposes
5 of education through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief
6 Supplemental Appropriations Act and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
7 Economic Security Act. The award funded the first year of an
8 education and reentry program for incarcerated women developed
9 and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice, in
10 partnership with the women's community correctional center,
11 windward community college, the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
12 and McKinley community school for adults. The goals of the
13 program are to train incarcerated women to be general education
14 development tutors for their peers, provide college
15 correspondence courses for women incarcerated at the women's
16 community correctional center, and provide reentry and



1 transition services for women who wish to continue their
2 education after release from incarceration.

3 The legislature further finds that in 2022, the legislature
4 attempted to fund the second year of the pilot program by making
5 a \$200,000 appropriation to McKinley community school for
6 adults. However, McKinley community school for adults did not
7 develop and does not directly administer the program. As of
8 November 1, 2022, the appropriated moneys had not been
9 distributed. Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice has
10 continued to administer the program through a private donation
11 while awaiting access to the appropriated state funding.

12 The legislature recognizes that the program has been
13 successful at assisting incarcerated women to achieve their
14 educational goals and has increased passage rates for the
15 general educational development test. In ten months, the
16 program assisted twenty women who were incarcerated at the
17 women's community correctional center in obtaining general
18 educational development certifications. Prior to the program,
19 approximately two women per year who were incarcerated in the
20 same facility passed the test.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 moneys for an education and reentry program for incarcerated
3 women.

4 SECTION 2. 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 2023-2024 for
7 an education and reentry program for incarcerated women, to be
8 administered by the University of Hawaii windward community
9 college.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
11 Hawaii.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates moneys for an education and reentry program for incarcerated women. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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