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# 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 did not develop and  
7 does not directly administer the program. As of November 1,  
8 2022, the appropriated moneys had not been distributed. Hawaii  
9 Friends of Restorative Justice has continued to administer the  
10 program through a private donation while awaiting access to the  
11 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.

21       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



- 1           (1) Require the McKinley community school for adults to  
2           work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to  
3           provide counseling services for incarcerated women  
4           participating in the education and reentry program for  
5           incarcerated women that is developed and administered  
6           by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice; and  
7           (2) Appropriate moneys for the education and reentry  
8           program for incarcerated women that is developed and  
9           administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice.

10           SECTION 2. The McKinley community school for adults shall  
11           work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to provide  
12           counseling services for incarcerated women participating in the  
13           education and reentry program for incarcerated women that is  
14           developed and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative  
15           Justice.

16           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17           revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
18           thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a grant  
19           pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Hawaii  
20           Friends of Restorative Justice to continue administering the  
21           education and reentry program for incarcerated women.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of  
2 Hawaii Windward community college for the purposes of this Act;  
3 provided that the university of Hawaii Windward community  
4 college may award grants to private entities to achieve the  
5 purposes of this Act; provided further that:

6           (1) Any grant shall be used exclusively for the purposes  
7           of an education and reentry program for incarcerated  
8           women;

9           (2) A grant applicant shall indicate capability to  
10           properly use the grant for purposes consistent with  
11           the education and reentry program for incarcerated  
12           women;

13           (3) A grant applicant shall comply with all applicable  
14           federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination  
15           against any person on the basis of race, color,  
16           national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual  
17           orientation, disability, or any other characteristic  
18           protected under applicable federal or state law;

19           (4) A grant shall not be used for purposes of providing  
20           entertainment or perquisites;



- 1           (5) A grant applicant shall comply with other requirements
- 2                   as the university of Hawaii may prescribe;
- 3           (6) All activities undertaken using grant funds received
- 4                   shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and
- 5                   county statutes and ordinances;
- 6           (7) A grant applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless
- 7                   the State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and
- 8                   employees from and against any and all claims arising
- 9                   out of or resulting from activities carried out, or
- 10                  projects undertaken, using grant funds provided under
- 11                  this Act, and shall procure sufficient insurance to
- 12                  provide this indemnification if requested to do so by
- 13                  the university of Hawaii; and
- 14           (8) A grant applicant shall agree to make available to the
- 15                  university of Hawaii all records the applicant may
- 16                  have relating to the grant, to allow state agencies to
- 17                  monitor the applicant's compliance with this section.
- 18           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

UH; Windward Community College; McKinley Community School for Adults; Education; Incarcerated Women; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the McKinley Community School for Adults to work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to provide counseling services for incarcerated women participating in the education and reentry program for incarcerated women that is developed and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice. Appropriates moneys as a chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grant for the University of Hawaii Windward Community College education and reentry program for incarcerated women that is developed and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice. Authorizes the University of Hawaii Windward Community College to award grants to private entities. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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