
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a significant
2 proportion of the individuals in the corrections and
3 rehabilitation system have experienced serious trauma during
4 their lifetimes.

5 The legislature further finds that when corrections
6 professionals are trained to properly assess and interact with
7 persons who have experienced trauma, those professionals are
8 better able to engage those individuals. As a result, these
9 individuals are more likely to connect with vital services and
10 experience improved rehabilitation and reduced rates of
11 recidivism and less likely to commit disciplinary infractions.

12 The legislature also finds that the establishment of a
13 level I trauma-informed certification program may help to ensure
14 that the State's corrections professionals are properly trained
15 in trauma-informed care. A program certificate would require
16 the completion of three courses, including a basic trauma-
17 informed care course for adult corrections officers, especially



1 those assigned to the women's community correctional facility.
2 The trauma-informed care course would be based on an existing
3 course implemented by windward community college for mental
4 health technicians at Hawaii state hospital, which has already
5 been proven successful.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
7 department of public safety to administer level I trauma-
8 informed certification programs for adult corrections officers
9 statewide.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to
13 the department of public safety to administer level I trauma-
14 informed certification programs for adult corrections officers
15 statewide.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

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

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H.D. 1

Report Title:

Department of Public Safety; Adult Corrections Officers; Trauma-informed Certification Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to the department of public safety to administer level I trauma-informed certification programs for adult corrections officers statewide. Effective 6/30/3000.
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