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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENDER PARITY IN PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 367D-1,  
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires parity in the programming  
3 offered to women and men incarcerated in the State's  
4 correctional facilities. More specifically, the section  
5 provides in relevant part:

6           Adult women convicted of crimes and juvenile females  
7 adjudicated for offenses that would be crimes if  
8 committed by an adult or who are adjudicated delinquents  
9 shall be provided a range and quality of programming  
10 substantially equivalent to the range and quality of  
11 programming offered to male persons who are similarly  
12 situated.

13 These programs include educational development, job training,  
14 substance abuse and cognitive-behavioral treatment services, and  
15 cultural practices.

16           The legislature further finds that, based on the  
17 information provided in the department of public safety's



1 December 2021 report to the legislature on gender responsive  
2 community based programs for women, parity does not appear to  
3 exist with respect to the range and quality of programming that  
4 is currently available to female and male inmates in the State.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
6 funds to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to  
7 study the programming offered to persons incarcerated at  
8 correctional facilities and to convene a group of incarcerated  
9 women for the purpose of identifying gaps in the programming  
10 offered to female inmates.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023–2024 to  
14 the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to study the  
15 programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional  
16 facilities and to convene a group of incarcerated women to help  
17 identify gaps in the programming offered to female inmates;  
18 provided that the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight  
19 Commission shall use the report of the task force convened by  
20 House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, Regular Session of 2016, as  
21 a model to provide recommendations to improve outcomes for



1 incarcerated women; provided further that the Hawaii  
2 Correctional System Oversight Commission shall consult with the  
3 interagency council on intermediate sanctions and correctional  
4 program checklist committee when conducting the study and making  
5 recommendations to improve outcomes for incarcerated women;  
6 provided further that the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight  
7 Commission shall submit the study, including any proposed  
8 legislation, to the legislature no later than June 30, 2024.

9       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Department of  
10 the Attorney General for the purposes of this Act.

11       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; Corrections;  
Inmates; Programming; Gender Parity; Study; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to study all programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities and convene a group of incarcerated women for the purpose of identifying gaps in the programming offered to female inmates. Requires that the study be submitted to the Legislature by 6/30/2024. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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