

ACT 118

S.B. NO. 3294

A Bill for an Act Relating to Reentry Planning Circles.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that incarcerated individuals who participate in reentry planning circles before leaving prison have significantly lower recidivism rates. Reentry planning circles, or huikahi restorative circles, allow inmates, their families, and prison staff members to discuss and produce written transition plans for an individual leaving prison. The solution-based planning process emphasizes that inmates are responsible for their own choices and helps them develop detailed plans for obtaining housing, employment, and other necessities. The process also helps repair or establish familial or other close relationships and encourages inmates to make amends for their wrongdoings. The legislature recognizes that supportive relationships are vital for an inmate's successful reentry.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funding for reentry planning circles for incarcerated individuals.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for reentry planning circles for incarcerated individuals.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 27, 2022.)