
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 rape is a violent,
2 destructive crime--no less so when the victim is incarcerated.
3 Even as courts and human rights standards increasingly confirm
4 that prisoners have the same fundamental rights to safety,
5 dignity, and justice as individuals living at liberty in the
6 community, vulnerable men, women, and children continue to be
7 sexually victimized by other prisoners and corrections staff.
8 Tolerance of sexual abuse of prisoners in the government's
9 custody is totally incompatible with American values.

10 The United States Congress affirmed the duty to protect
11 incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse by unanimously
12 enacting the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. The Act calls
13 for the creation of a national commission to study the causes
14 and consequences of sexual abuse in confinement and to develop
15 standards for correctional facilities nationwide that would set
16 in motion a process to eliminate prison rape.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish policies and
2 standards to provide appropriate treatment to victims of prison
3 rape and to prevent the occurrence of prison rape.

4 SECTION 2. The department of public safety, to the best of
5 the department's ability, shall address sexual assault in prison
6 and make every effort to seek grant moneys from the federal
7 government to implement those efforts. The department shall
8 place priority upon establishing:

- 9 (1) Appropriate counseling services for sexual assault, to
10 be made available to victims of prison rape within
11 twenty-four hours of the report of an assault; and
12 (2) Policies and standards of transparency to achieve a
13 zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault.

14 SECTION 3. The department of public safety, no later than
15 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
16 shall annually report data to the legislature regarding:

- 17 (1) Sexual assault by persons in custody against other
18 persons in custody of the department of public safety;
19 (2) Sexual assault by correctional staff against persons
20 in custody of the department of public safety;



1 (3) Non-criminal sexual misconduct by staff, including but
2 not limited to sexual harassment of persons in custody
3 of the department of public safety;

4 (4) Criminal cases initiated and closed by dismissal,
5 plea, or verdict for sexual assaults by or upon a
6 person in custody of the department of public safety;
7 and

8 (5) Civil claims filed and closed by dismissal,
9 settlement, or verdict for sexual assaults by or upon
10 a person in custody of the department of public
11 safety.

12 SECTION 4. The department of public safety shall report to
13 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
14 of the regular session of 2011 on its efforts to implement the
15 federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 in state
16 correctional facilities under the department's jurisdiction.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Prison Rape

Description:

Requires the Department of Public Safety to address sexual assault in prison. Requires the department to provide annual data regarding acts of sexual assault and sexual misconduct. Requires the department to report to the Legislature on any implementation of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act. Effective upon approval. (SD1)

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