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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 8, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii
2 2007 (Act 8), enacted the Community Safety Act, which was
3 codified as chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The
4 Community Safety Act established a comprehensive offender
5 reentry system under the purview of the department of public
6 safety. Act 8 also required the department of public safety to
7 submit to the legislature annual reports through 2010 relating
8 to the implementation, progress, and effectiveness of the
9 program components specified in Act 8.

10 While the department's annual report lists program
11 activities and statistics, it does not include information on
12 program outcomes. The legislature finds that performance
13 indicators are an effective way to track the progress of the
14 comprehensive reentry system and to reflect the philosophical
15 change to the department's approach to rehabilitation and
16 reentry mandated by Act 8.

17 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
18 public safety to establish key performance indicators or



1 measures to be incorporated in reports that evaluate the
2 outcomes of program components as required in Act 8.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§353H- Performance indicators; reporting. (a) The
7 department of public safety shall develop performance indicators
8 that accurately reflect progress toward specific goals,
9 including but not limited to:

- 10 (1) Improving recidivism rates;
11 (2) Decreasing prisoner assaults on correctional staff;
12 (3) Reducing correctional staff turnover; and
13 (4) Improving departmental efficiencies in staffing,
14 budgeting, and data management and analysis.

15 (b) The department of public safety shall submit a report
16 to the legislature within thirty days of the last working day of
17 the months of April, August, and December, beginning with the
18 period ending on August 31, 2011. Each report shall reference
19 key performance indicators for that period that track
20 rehabilitation and reentry efforts for individuals being
21 prepared to exit the correctional system.

22 (c) The key performance indicators shall include:



- 1 (1) The number of individuals who have obtained a general
2 education diploma or an equivalent competency-based
3 diploma;
- 4 (2) The number of individuals for whom a reentry plan is
5 filed and the number of individuals who exit jail or
6 prison with a reentry plan;
- 7 (3) Drug test failure rates of inmates while incarcerated
8 and while on parole;
- 9 (4) The number of individuals who have completed a drug
10 treatment program provided by the department of public
11 safety;
- 12 (5) The number of individuals who have completed
13 restorative circles;
- 14 (6) The number of individuals who have applied for a
15 reduction of their minimum sentence, the number of
16 applications approved and denied, and when applicable,
17 the reasons for the denial of an individual's
18 application; and
- 19 (7) The number of parole revocation hearings and the
20 results of parole revocation hearings that, when
21 applicable, explain why an individual's revocation was
22 denied.



1 The department of public safety shall post the reports
 2 electronically on the department's internet website in a timely
 3 manner."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry System; Performance Indicators

Description:

Requires the department of public safety to establish performance indicators for inmate reentry system. Requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature.

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