
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:
4 "§353H- Offender reentry; identification documents. (a)
5 The department, in collaboration with the department of
6 transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall
7 inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to
8 obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI
9 of chapter 286, and upon request shall issue civil
10 identification cards to inmates who have one year or less prior
11 to the inmate's parole or release date remaining on their prison
12 sentence.

13 (b) The department, in collaboration with appropriate
14 federal, state, and county agencies, shall inform inmates of the
15 availability of departmental assistance to obtain the inmate's
16 birth certificate, social security card, and any other relevant
17 identification documents necessary for the inmate to transition
18 into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing,



1 and upon request shall assist the inmates who have one year or
2 less prior to the inmate's parole or release date.

3 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended
4 furlough, or community placement programs, the department of
5 public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate
6 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior
7 to the inmate being released."

8 SECTION 2. The director of public safety shall submit an
9 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of each regular session, starting with the
11 regular session of 2019, that shall include:

12 (1) The number of inmates who have been released from
13 prison with, and without, civil identification cards,
14 birth certificates, social security cards, and other
15 relevant identification documents necessary for the
16 inmates to transition into the workforce, access
17 social services, and secure housing;

18 (2) The identification of impediments encountered in
19 assisting inmates in obtaining their documents and
20 civil identification cards; and



1 (3) Any recommendations, proposed legislation, and other
2 relevant information deemed appropriate by the
3 director of public safety.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
7 department of public safety, in collaboration with the
8 department of transportation, examiner of drivers of each
9 county, and other appropriate federal, state, and county
10 agencies, to issue civil identification cards, in accordance
11 with part XVI of chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
12 inmates who have one year or less remaining on their prison
13 sentence and to assist the inmates in obtaining their birth
14 certificate, social security card, and any other relevant
15 identification documents necessary for the inmates to transition
16 into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing.

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

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.



Report Title:

Inmates; Identification Cards; Reentry; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to issue civil identification cards to inmates and to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society. Requires the Department of Public Safety to initiate the process of assisting inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs at least ninety days prior to the inmates' release. (HB845 CD1)

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