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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§353H-32 Offender reentry; identification documents.** (a)

4 The department, in collaboration with the department of  
5 transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, shall  
6 inform inmates that departmental assistance is available to  
7 obtain civil identification cards, in accordance with part XVI  
8 of chapter 286, and upon request shall [~~issue civil~~  
9 ~~identification cards to~~] assist inmates who have one year or  
10 less prior to the inmate's parole or release date remaining on  
11 their prison sentence[-] in obtaining a civil identification  
12 card.

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

1 transition into the workforce, access social services, secure or  
2 verify applicable medicaid eligibility, and secure housing, and  
3 upon request shall assist the inmates who have one year or less  
4 prior to the inmate's parole or release date.

5 (c) For an inmate released to work furlough, extended  
6 furlough, or community placement programs, the department of  
7 public safety shall initiate the process of assisting the inmate  
8 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) at least ninety days prior  
9 to the inmate being released[-]; provided that the inmate  
10 requests assistance after being notified that assistance is  
11 available."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

JAN 24 2022

**Report Title:**

Comprehensive Offender Reentry System.

**Description:**

Amends section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and county Examiners of Drivers to assist inmates in procuring civil identification necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing, rather than issue civil identification cards.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE  
COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that  
the Department of Public Safety's role is to  
work with the Department of Transportation  
and the county Examiners of Drivers to  
assist inmates in procuring civil  
identification necessary to transition into  
the workforce, access social services, and  
secure housing.

MEANS: Amend section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised  
Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: These amendments are necessary to clarify  
that other agencies are the actual, legal  
issuers of civil identification cards, and  
the Department of Public Safety's role is to  
assist inmates in obtaining identification  
documents, access services, and secure  
housing.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
The amendment clarifies the role of the  
Department of Public Safety in assisting  
inmates to obtain necessary documents for  
successful reentry into the community.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: PSD 900.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: Department of Transportation; City  
and County of Honolulu, Department  
of Customer Services, Motor  
Vehicle, Licensing, and Permits  
Division; County of Hawaii

Department of Finance, Vehicle  
Registration and Licensing  
Division; County of Kauai,  
Department of Finance, Driver  
Licensing and Motor Vehicles  
Division; County of Maui,  
Department of Finance, Division of  
Motor Vehicles and Licensing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.