
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCARCERATED WOMEN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in August 2021,
2 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice was awarded \$250,000 from
3 the governor's emergency education relief fund. The moneys were
4 part of more than \$8,000,000 allocated to the State for purposes
5 of education through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief
6 Supplemental Appropriations Act and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
7 Economic Security Act. The award funded the first year of an
8 education and reentry program for incarcerated women developed
9 and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice, in
10 partnership with the women's community correctional center,
11 windward community college, the university of Hawaii at Manoa,
12 and McKinley community school for adults. The goal of the
13 program is to train incarcerated women to be general education
14 development tutors for their peers, provide college
15 correspondence courses for women in the women's community
16 correctional center, and provide reentry and transition services



1 for women who wish to continue their educations
2 post-incarceration.

3 The legislature further finds that in 2022, the legislature
4 attempted to fund the second year of the pilot program by making
5 a \$200,000 appropriation to McKinley community school for
6 adults. However, McKinley community school did not develop and
7 does not directly administer the program. As of November 1,
8 2022, the appropriated moneys had not been distributed. Hawaii
9 Friends of Restorative Justice has continued to administer the
10 program through a private donation while awaiting access to the
11 appropriated funding.

12 The legislature recognizes that the program has been
13 successful at assisting incarcerated women in achieving their
14 educational goals and has increased passage rates for the
15 general educational development test. In ten months, the
16 program assisted twenty women who were incarcerated at the
17 women's community correctional center in obtaining general
18 educational development certifications. Prior to the program,
19 approximately two women per year who were incarcerated in the
20 same facility passed the exam.

21 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Require the McKinley community school for adults to
- 2 work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to
- 3 provide counseling services for incarcerated women
- 4 participating in the education and reentry program for
- 5 incarcerated women, developed and administered by
- 6 Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice; and
- 7 (2) Appropriate moneys for the education and reentry
- 8 program for incarcerated women, developed and
- 9 administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice.

10 SECTION 2. The McKinley community school for adults shall

11 work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to provide

12 counseling services for incarcerated women participating in the

13 education and reentry program for incarcerated women, developed

14 and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$225,000 or so much

17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a grant

18 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Hawaii

19 Friends of Restorative Justice for the education and reentry

20 program for incarcerated women.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
2 of Hawaii Windward community college for the purposes of this
3 Act; provided that the university of Hawaii Windward community
4 college may award grants to a private entity to achieve the
5 purposes of this Act; provided further that:

6 (1) Any grant shall be used exclusively for the purposes
7 of an education and reentry program for incarcerated
8 women;

9 (2) The applicant shall indicate capability to properly
10 use the grant for purposes consistent with the
11 education and reentry program for incarcerated women;

12 (3) The applicant shall comply with all applicable federal
13 and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any
14 person on the basis of race, color, national origin,
15 religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation,
16 disability, or any other characteristic protected
17 under applicable federal or state law;

18 (4) The grant shall not be used for purposes of
19 entertainment or perquisites;

20 (5) The applicant shall comply with other requirements as
21 the university of Hawaii may prescribe;



- 1 (6) All activities undertaken with funds received shall
2 comply with all applicable federal, state, and county
3 statutes and ordinances;
- 4 (7) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless the
5 State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and
6 employees from and against any and all claims arising
7 out of or resulting from activities carried out or
8 projects undertaken with funds provided hereunder and
9 procure sufficient insurance to provide this
10 indemnification if requested to do so by the
11 university of Hawaii; and
- 12 (8) The applicant shall agree to make available to the
13 university of Hawaii all records the applicant may
14 have relating to the grant, to allow state agencies to
15 monitor the applicant's compliance with this section.
- 16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Windward Community College; McKinley Community School for Adults; Education; Incarcerated Women; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the McKinley Community School for Adults to work with Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice to provide counseling services for incarcerated women participating in the education and reentry program for incarcerated women, developed and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice. Appropriates moneys as a chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grant for the University of Hawaii Windward Community College education and reentry program for incarcerated women developed and administered by Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice. Authorizes the University of Hawaii Windward Community College to award grants to a private entity. (SD1)

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