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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

GOVERNOR

July 7, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2082 SD2 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. (ACT 219)

Sincerely,

A LINDA LINGLÉ

Approved by the Governor JUL 7 2008

THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 219 S.B. NO. 2082 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that approximately one
hundred seventy-five female prisoners who are residents of the
State of Hawaii are incarcerated in mainland prisons. Many of
these women are parents.

5 The increased likelihood of children of incarcerated 6 parents being at high risk for physical and mental problems, 7 aggression, and criminal activity has been documented in 8 numerous studies by various institutions, including the Center 9 for Children of Incarcerated Parents, the Child Welfare League 10 of America, and the Federal Resource Center for Children of 11 Prisoners.

12 The legislature further finds that the children of Hawaii 13 prisoners incarcerated on the mainland have an even higher risk 14 of becoming troubled due to the geographical separation that 15 precludes regular visits between parent and child and limits 16 access to support services.

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1	The legislature further finds that the current contract for
2	incarcerating female prisoners, who are residents of Hawaii, on
3	the mainland expires in October 2008. The near-term expiration
4	of this contract provides an opportunity for the department of
5	public safety to review what additional facilities and programs
6	must be in place to adequately house and rehabilitate female
7	prisoners upon their return to Hawaii.
8	The purpose of this Act is to create a strategic plan to
9	provide services to the State's female prisoners who are
10	incarcerated on the mainland and who will be returning to
11	Hawaii.
12	SECTION 2. The department of public safety shall develop a
13	strategic plan by January 1, 2009, to provide female prisoners
14	returning to Hawaii adequate:
15	(1) Housing;
16	(2) Community supervision;
17	(3) Medical care;
18	(4) Drug treatment;
19	(5) Reintegration programs;
20	(6) Employment training; and
21	(7) Transitional services.

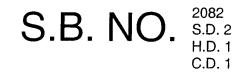
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SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general -30-22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $\frac{100,000}{5100,000}$ or so much 1 2 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the 4 department of public safety to develop a strategic plan to 5 ensure successful reentry into the community of as many female 6 prisoners as possible who are returning from incarceration on 7 the mainland and who are residents of the State of Hawaii. 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 9 public safety for the purposes of this Act. 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

APPROVED this

JUL , 2008

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

