



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2009 LEGISLATURE**

ACT 240 (2008)

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

December 2008

ACT 240

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS TASK FORCE

Act 240 calls for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to re-establish the children of incarcerated parents task force previously established by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128 (2005) and Act 256, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006. The goal is to identify and develop programs and support services for children of incarcerated parents, as well as programs to strengthen the bond between the families.

PSD sent letters to the task force chairpersons, Ted I. Sakai and Kat Brady requesting advisement in re-establishment of the task force no later than December 5, 2008. As of December 19, 2008, PSD has not received a response from neither Mr. Sakai nor Ms. Brady. Based on the lack of a single response, and coupled with the fact that no funding was allocated to re-establish the task force, the task force has not reformed or met since the passage of Act 240.