
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii paroling
2 authority plays a vital role in our criminal justice system. It
3 determines minimum terms of incarceration for almost all inmates
4 sentenced to prison; grants parole when it determines that an
5 inmate is ready for release into the community; establishes
6 terms and conditions of parole for each offender granted parole;
7 oversees parole officers who monitor and supervise parolees;
8 grants discharges from parole; and makes recommendations for
9 pardons and commutations of sentences.

10 The authority was created in 1976 with one full-time member
11 and two part-time members. In the past twenty-five years, its
12 workload has increased eight-fold due to the rise in
13 incarceration rates. However, the authority continues to be
14 composed of one full-time and two part-time members. Because it
15 is essentially a part-time body, the authority finds proper
16 deliberation very difficult when reviewing cases and making
17 decisions that are vital to public safety. Further, the
18 authority is extremely hard-pressed to carry out its



1 responsibility in assuring that the terms and conditions of
2 parole are properly enforced.

3 The purpose of this Act is to change the two part-time
4 members of the Hawaii paroling authority to full-time members so
5 that the authority will comprise three full-time members.

6 SECTION 2. Section 353-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **"§353-63 Service of Hawaii paroling authority members;**
9 **compensation; expenses.** The chairperson and members of the
10 Hawaii paroling authority shall serve on a full-time basis.
11 ~~[The other two members shall serve on a part-time basis.]~~
12 Effective July 1, 1994, the chairperson of the Hawaii paroling
13 authority shall be paid a salary set by the governor within the
14 range of [~~\$72,886~~] \$ _____ to [~~\$77,966~~] \$ _____, a year.
15 ~~[The compensation of each of the part-time members shall be~~
16 ~~eighty per cent of the hourly wage paid the chairperson. For~~
17 ~~each hour engaged in the official duties of the authority, each~~
18 ~~part-time member of the authority shall be paid an hourly wage~~
19 ~~at the percentage rate specified in this section based on the~~
20 ~~hourly wage paid the chairperson; provided that compensation~~
21 ~~shall not exceed eighty per cent of the total regular working~~
22 ~~hours in a month; and provided further that part-time members~~



1 ~~shall not be entitled to any vacation, sick leave, or other~~
2 ~~benefits except as provided in this section. All paroling~~
3 ~~authority members shall receive their necessary expenses for~~
4 ~~travel and incidentals which shall be paid from appropriations~~
5 ~~provided the authority for such purposes, on vouchers approved~~
6 ~~by the director of public safety.] Effective July 1, 2005, the~~
7 ~~salaries of the other two members shall be set by the governor~~
8 ~~within the range of \$ _____ to \$ _____ a year."~~

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to carry
12 out the purpose of this Act, including the purchase of office
13 equipment and other expenses related to the new full-time
14 paroling authority members.

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

17 SECTION 4. Any persons who were appointed as part-time
18 members by the governor in accordance with sections 26-34 and
19 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and who serve as part-time
20 members on the day immediately preceding the effective date of
21 this Act shall become full-time members of the paroling
22 authority on the effective date of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



SB 824 HD1

Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority

Description:

Changes the employment status of the members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority from part-time to full-time. (SB824 HD1)

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