
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 thirty-six years, its
12 workload has increased eight-fold due to the rise in
13 incarceration rates. However, the authority continues to be
14 comprised of one full-time and two part-time members. Because
15 it 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 experiencing severe difficulties in carrying out



1 its responsibility in assuring that the terms and conditions of
2 parole are properly enforced with a less than full time
3 authority.

4 The purpose of this Act is to change the two part-time
5 members of the Hawaii paroling authority to 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 two 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, 2005, the chairperson of the Hawaii paroling
13 authority shall be paid a salary set at eighty-seven per cent of
14 the salary of the director of public safety. [~~The~~] Effective
15 July 1, 2007, the compensation of each of the [part-time] other
16 two full-time members of the Hawaii paroling authority shall be
17 set at eighty per cent of the [~~hourly wage paid~~] salary of the
18 chairperson. [~~For each hour engaged in the official duties of~~
19 ~~the authority, each part time member of the authority shall be~~
20 ~~paid an hourly wage at the percentage rate specified in this~~
21 ~~section based on the hourly wage paid the chairperson; provided~~
22 ~~that compensation shall not exceed eighty per cent of the total~~



1 ~~regular working hours in a month; provided further that part-~~
 2 ~~time members shall not be entitled to any vacation, sick leave,~~
 3 ~~or other benefits except as provided in this section. All~~
 4 ~~paroling authority members shall receive their necessary~~
 5 ~~expenses for travel and incidentals which shall be paid from~~
 6 ~~appropriations provided the authority for such purposes, on~~
 7 ~~vouchers approved by the director of public safety.]"~~

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000 or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and
 11 \$60,000 or so much as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009
 12 to carry out the purpose of this Act, including the purchase of
 13 office equipment and other expenses related to the new full-time
 14 paroling authority members.

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

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



1 effective date of this Act and continue serving their current
2 terms of appointment.

3 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Description:

Increases the level of service of two members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority from part-time to full-time. (HB1403 HD1)

