
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAROLE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many correctional
2 jurisdictions in the United States use an incentive system that
3 rewards inmates for positive behavior. The earned-time credit
4 system was first implemented in the eighteenth century to
5 relieve overcrowding, reward inmates who have no behavioral
6 infractions, and encourage participation in inmate
7 rehabilitation programs, such as education and vocational
8 training.

9 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
10 public safety to develop parameters to establish an earned-time
11 program that allows inmates in Hawaii, or in contracted
12 correctional facilities on the mainland, to earn credit toward
13 the time that they are eligible for parole. The department of
14 public shall consider and examine various earned-time programs
15 established under the laws of other states in developing the
16 earned-time program under this measure.

17 SECTION 2. The department of public safety shall:



- 1 (1) Consider and examine various earned-time programs
- 2 established under the laws of other states;
- 3 (2) Develop an earned-time program for Hawaii inmates
- 4 incarcerated in Hawaii and on the mainland; and
- 5 (3) Report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations
- 6 for the establishment of an earned-time program to the
- 7 legislature at least twenty days prior to the start of
- 8 the 2009 regular session.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Earned-Time; Parole; Early Parole Eligibility

Description:

Mandates for the department of public safety to create parameters to establish an earned-time program that provides incentives for inmate rehabilitation by allowing inmates to become eligible for parole when they make consistent progress in completing programs while incarcerated. (SD1)

