
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§353C- Correctional facility and community correctional
5 center deaths; reporting. (a) The director shall report to the
6 senate president, speaker of the house of representatives, and
7 legislative committee chairs having primary responsibility for
8 public safety issues, the death of:

9 (1) Correctional facility or community correctional center
10 employees who die on the grounds of a correctional
11 facility or community correctional center where Hawaii
12 inmates reside or who sustain an injury on the grounds
13 of a correctional facility or community correctional
14 center where Hawaii inmates reside that causes the
15 death of the employee; and

16 (2) Any Hawaii inmate who is incarcerated in a
17 correctional facility or community correctional
18 center,



1 within twenty-four hours of the death.

2 (b) The report in subsection (a) shall include the
3 following information:

4 (1) The name of the decedent;

5 (2) Whether the decedent is an inmate or employee;

6 (3) The location of the death or injury leading to the
7 death;

8 (4) The date and time of the death; and

9 (5) The cause of death;

10 provided that if the cause of death has not been officially
11 determined, the director shall provide notice of the official
12 cause of death as required by this section within forty-eight
13 hours of receipt of that information.

14 (c) The director shall have the discretion to withhold
15 disclosure of the decedent's name pending notification of the
16 death to the next of kin or if the decedent's identity is
17 protected from disclosure by state or federal laws."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Correctional Facility Deaths; Reporting Requirements

Description:

Requires the department of public safety to report to the legislature any inmate or correctional facility employee death within 48 hours. (SD1)

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