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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the composition of a  
2 panel that nominates the members of the paroling authority  
3 should be updated. One of the panel delegates, Hawaii Criminal  
4 Justice Association, is no longer in existence.

5           The purpose of this Act is to update the composition of the  
6 panel that nominates the members of the paroling authority.

7           SECTION 2. Section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           "**§353-61 Hawaii paroling authority; appointment; tenure;**  
10 **qualifications.** Members of the paroling authority shall be  
11 nominated by a panel composed of the chief justice of the Hawaii  
12 supreme court, the director, [~~the president of the Hawaii~~  
13 ~~Criminal Justice Association,~~] the president of the bar  
14 association of Hawaii, a representative designated by the head  
15 of the Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, a member from the general  
16 public to be appointed by the governor, and the president of the  
17 Hawaii chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.  
18 The panel shall submit to the governor the names of not less



1 than three persons, designated as the nominees, for chairperson  
2 or as a member, for each vacancy. The requirement for  
3 nomination by the panel established under this section shall  
4 only apply to a nominee's nomination by the governor to an  
5 initial term on the paroling authority and not to any subsequent  
6 consecutive term of a sitting paroling authority member or  
7 chairperson whose initial appointment to office was made  
8 pursuant to a nomination by the panel. The governor shall  
9 appoint, in manner prescribed by section 26-34, a paroling  
10 authority to be known as the Hawaii paroling authority, to  
11 consist of three members one of whom shall be designated  
12 chairperson. Appointments shall be made for terms of four  
13 years, commencing from the date of expiration of the last  
14 preceding term. Any vacancy in an unexpired term shall be  
15 filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
16 Nominees to the authority shall be selected on the basis of  
17 their qualifications to make decisions that will be compatible  
18 with the welfare of the community and of individual offenders,  
19 including their background and ability for appraisal of  
20 offenders and the circumstances under which offenses were  
21 committed."



1           SECTION 3. The department of public safety shall not  
2 receive any additional funding in the department's operating  
3 budget to carry out the purpose of this Act.

4           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken.

6           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Relating to Public Safety.

**Description:**

This measure amends section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete the Hawaii Criminal Justice Association from the panel to nominate members of the paroling authority since the association no longer exists. (HB1087 HD1)

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