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# 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 governor, and the governor shall report to the legislature, the  
7 death of:

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

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

18 within twenty-four hours of the death.



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

3       (1) The name of the decedent;

4       (2) Whether the decedent was an inmate or employee;

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

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

8       (5) The cause of death;

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

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

17       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Correctional Facility Deaths; Reporting Requirements

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Public Safety to report to the Governor, and the Governor to report to the Legislature, any inmate or correctional facility employee death within twenty-four hours. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB49 HD2)

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