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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BAIL.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 804-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "§804-7 Release after bail[-]; procedure when court  
4 closed. (a) When bail is offered and taken, the prisoner  
5 shall be discharged promptly from custody or imprisonment.

6       (b) When the court with jurisdiction is closed, including  
7 nights, weekends, and holidays, a law enforcement agency having  
8 custody of a person shall accept cash bail or bail bond. A law  
9 enforcement agency shall accept any of the following:

- 10       (1) Cash from any person;  
11       (2) A certified copy of a bail bond pre-filed with the  
12       court from any person; or  
13       (3) An original bail bond from a person licensed pursuant  
14       to chapter 431 as a bail agent or to sell, solicit,  
15       and negotiate surety insurance.

16       (c) A law enforcement agency accepting cash bail or an  
17 original bail bond pursuant to subsection (b) shall submit the  
18 cash bail or original bail bond to the court with jurisdiction



1 no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first business day following  
2 acceptance.

3 (d) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement agency"  
4 means any agency of the State or a county vested by law with the  
5 authority to arrest persons for criminal offenses, detain  
6 arrested persons pending court action, or retain custody of  
7 convicted persons, including the county police departments, the  
8 department of the attorney general, and the department of public  
9 safety."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Release on Bail; Procedure

**Description:**

Requires law enforcement agencies to accept cash bail, certified copies of pre-filed bail bonds, and original bail bonds when the court is closed, including nights, weekends, and holidays. Specifies from whom bail may be accepted. Requires prompt release after acceptance of bail.

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