



GOV. MSG. NO. 1217

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

June 14, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1176 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING  
AUTHORITY  
ACT 117 (13)

*Aloha*  
Sincerely,  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 14 2013

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 117

S.B. NO. 1176  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3 "(a) Members of the paroling authority shall be nominated  
4 by a panel composed of the chief justice of the Hawaii supreme  
5 court<sup>[7]</sup> or the chief justice's designee, the director<sup>[7]</sup> or the  
6 director's designee, the president of the Hawaii State Bar  
7 Association<sup>[7]</sup> or the president's designee, a representative  
8 designated by the head of the Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, a  
9 member from the general public to be appointed by the governor,  
10 and the president of the Hawaii chapter of the National  
11 Association of Social Workers<sup>[-]</sup> or the president's designee.  
12 The panel shall submit to the governor the names of not less  
13 than three persons, designated as the nominees, for chairperson  
14 or as a member, for each vacancy. The requirement for  
15 nomination by the panel established under this section shall  
16 only apply to a nominee's nomination by the governor to an  
17 initial term on the paroling authority and not to any subsequent  
18 consecutive term of a sitting paroling authority member or



1 chairperson whose initial appointment to office was made  
2 pursuant to a nomination by the panel."

3 SECTION 2. Section 353-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) In its operations, the paroling authority shall:

6 (1) Keep and maintain a record of all meetings and  
7 proceedings;

8 (2) Make public no more than thirty days after a parole  
9 release hearing the following information:

10 (A) The prisoner's name; and

11 (B) Whether the parole request was approved or  
12 denied;

13 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Send a detailed report of its operations to the  
14 governor every three months;

15 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) In promulgating rules, conform to chapter 91;

16 ~~[(4) In all matters]~~ (5) Allow each prisoner a hearing  
17 before a panel of three of its members, which shall  
18 act by a majority of [its] the panel members; provided  
19 that if it is determined immediately preceding or  
20 during the course of a hearing that a sitting panel  
21 member must be recused due to a conflict of interest



1           or illness, the panel may proceed with two members;

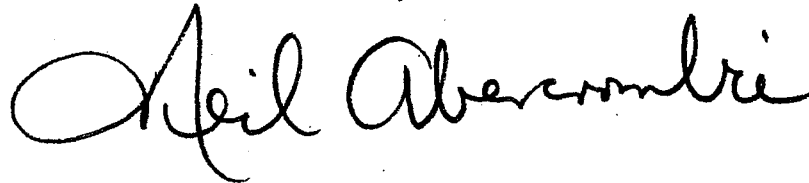
2           and

3       ~~(5)~~ (6) Appoint an administrative secretary and such  
4           other clerical and other assistants as may be  
5           necessary within the limits of available  
6           appropriations, subject to any applicable salary  
7           classification and civil service schedules, laws, and  
8           rules."

9           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10          and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 14 day of JUN, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII