

H.B. NO. 946

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REENTRY COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 24, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as
2 amended by section 4 of Act 76, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, is
3 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 3. (a) Effective January 1, 2010, there is
5 established within the department of public safety a reentry
6 commission to work with the department in monitoring and
7 reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program, including
8 facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative
9 services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's
10 oversight of parolees. The reentry commission may make
11 recommendations to the department, the Hawaii paroling
12 authority, and the legislature regarding reentry and parole
13 services. The reentry commission shall ensure that the
14 comprehensive offender reentry system under chapter 353H, Hawaii
15 Revised Statutes, is implemented as soon as practicable to
16 provide programs and services that result in the release of

1 inmates on parole when the maximum terms have been served
2 instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and
3 services.

4 (b) The reentry commission shall consist of ten members
5 who shall be selected as follows:

6 (1) Three members shall be selected by the governor, of
7 whom one shall be a rehabilitated former inmate;

8 (2) Three members shall be selected by the president of
9 the senate;

10 (3) Three members shall be selected by the speaker of the
11 house of representatives; and

12 (4) The [~~reentry coordinator~~] director of public safety
13 shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

14 (c) The reentry commission shall meet at least quarterly
15 and members shall serve without compensation, but may be
16 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, that are
17 necessary for the performance of their duties.

18 (d) The commission shall cease to exist on December 1,
19 2015."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Reentry Commission

Description:

Replaces the Reentry Coordinator with the Director of Public Safety as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Reentry Commission.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REENTRY COMMISSION.

PURPOSE: To designate the Director of the Department of Public Safety as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Reentry Commission.

MEANS: Amend section 3 of Act 24, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as amended by section 4 of Act 76, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

JUSTIFICATION: The 2012 amendments to Act 24, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, revised the membership of the Reentry Commission and included as an ex officio nonvoting member the "Reentry Coordinator." Not only is the identified position temporary, it is not endowed with the authority to make commitments for the Department. The Director of Public Safety is the ultimate authority for the Department, and is in the best position to represent it and to make commitments more efficiently moving the work of the Reentry Commission forward.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The addition of the Director of Public Safety will enhance the work of the Reentry Commission and ensure commitments made on behalf of the Department are carried through.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: PSD 900.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.