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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COURT ORDERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR  
INMATES AND DETAINEES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 353-13.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§353-13.6[+] Involuntary medical treatment criteria.

4 An inmate or detainee in the custody of the department may be  
5 ordered to receive involuntary medical treatment, including the  
6 taking or application of medication, if the court finds that:

7 (1) The inmate or detainee poses a danger of physical harm  
8 to self or others;

9 (2) Treatment with medication is medically appropriate;  
10 and

11 (3) Considering less intrusive alternatives, treatment is  
12 essential to forestall the danger posed by the inmate  
13 or detainee.

14 For the purposes of this section:

15 "Danger of physical harm to others" means likely to cause  
16 substantial physical or emotional injury to another, as  
17 evidenced by an act, attempt, or threat occurring recently or



1 through a pattern of past behavior that has resulted in the  
2 person being placed in a more restricted setting for the safety  
3 of the person or of others in the facility.

4 "Danger of physical harm to self" means the person recently  
5 has threatened or attempted suicide or serious bodily self  
6 injury; or the person recently has behaved in such a manner as  
7 to indicate that the person is unable, without supervision and  
8 the assistance of others, to satisfy the need for nourishment,  
9 essential medical care, or self-protection, so that it is  
10 probable that death, substantial bodily injury, or serious  
11 physical or mental debilitation or disease will result unless  
12 adequate treatment is provided."

13 SECTION 2. Section 353-13.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "[~~§~~353-13.7~~]~~ **Initiation of proceeding for involuntary**  
16 **medical treatment.** (a) The director, or the director's  
17 designee, may file a petition for involuntary medical treatment  
18 alleging that a person in the custody of the department meets  
19 the criteria for involuntary medical treatment under section  
20 353-13.6. The petition shall be executed subject to the  
21 penalties of perjury but need not be sworn to before a notary  
22 public and shall be filed in the circuit or district court of



1 the circuit or district wherein the person who is the subject of  
2 the petition is in custody. The attorney general, the attorney  
3 general's deputy, special deputy, or appointee designated to  
4 present the case shall assist the petitioner to state the  
5 substance of the petition in plain and simple language. The  
6 petition may be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration of  
7 the licensed physician or psychologist who has examined the  
8 person within [~~two~~] five days prior to submission of the  
9 petition, unless the person whose treatment is sought has  
10 refused to submit to a medical or psychological examination, in  
11 which case the fact of refusal shall be alleged in the petition.  
12 The affidavit or declaration shall set forth the signs and  
13 symptoms relied upon by the physician or psychologist to  
14 determine whether the person is in need of treatment, whether  
15 the person is capable of realizing and making a rational  
16 decision with respect to the person's need for treatment, and  
17 the recommended treatment. If the petitioner believes that  
18 further evaluation is necessary before treatment, the petitioner  
19 may request such further evaluation.

20 (b) If the person has been given an examination,  
21 evaluation, or treatment in a psychiatric facility or by the  
22 department within five days before the filing of the petition,



1 and treatment is recommended by the staff of the facility or the  
2 department, the petition may be accompanied by an affidavit or  
3 declaration of the department's medical director or the mental  
4 health administrator in lieu of a physician's or psychologist's  
5 affidavit[-] or declaration."

6 SECTION 3. Section 353-13.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to  
8 read as follows:

9 "[+]§353-13.8[+] **Notice; waiver of notice; hearing on**  
10 **petition; waiver of hearing on petition for involuntary**  
11 **hospitalization.** (a) The court shall set a hearing on the  
12 petition, and notice of the hearing shall be served personally  
13 on the person who is the subject of the petition, or by  
14 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested,  
15 deliverable to the addressee only[+], on [the person's spouse,  
16 civil union partner, or reciprocal beneficiary; legal parents;  
17 adult children; and legal guardian, if one has been appointed.  
18 If the person has no living spouse, civil union partner, or  
19 reciprocal beneficiary; legal parent; adult children; or legal  
20 guardian, or if none can be found, notice of the hearing shall  
21 be served on at least one of the person's closest adult  
22 relatives if any can be found.] the person's legal guardian or



1 emergency contact listed while the person is in the custody of  
2 the department. Notice of the hearing shall also be served on  
3 the public defender, person's attorney, or other court-appointed  
4 attorney, as the case may be. If the person is a minor, notice  
5 of the hearing shall also be served upon the person who has had  
6 the principal care and custody of the minor during the sixty  
7 days preceding the date of the petition if the person can be  
8 found within the State. Notice shall also be given to the other  
9 persons as the court may designate.

10 (b) The notice required by subsection (a) shall include:

11 (1) The date, time, place of hearing, a clear statement of  
12 the purpose of the proceedings and of possible  
13 consequences to the person who is the subject of the  
14 petition, and a statement of the legal standard upon  
15 which [~~commitment~~] care or treatment is authorized;

16 (2) A copy of the petition;

17 (3) Written notice, in plain and simple language, that the  
18 person may waive the hearing by voluntarily agreeing  
19 to the care or treatment proposed;

20 (4) A completed form indicating the waiver described in  
21 paragraph (3) if the person waived the hearing;



- 1 (5) Written notice, in plain and simple language, that the  
2 person or the person's guardian or representative may  
3 apply at any time for a hearing on the issue of the  
4 person's need for care or treatment if the person has  
5 previously waived a hearing;
- 6 (6) Notice that the person is entitled to the assistance  
7 of an attorney and that the public defender has been  
8 notified of these proceedings;
- 9 (7) Notice that if the person does not want to be  
10 represented by the public defender, the person may  
11 contact the person's own attorney; and
- 12 (8) Notice, if applicable, that the petitioner intends to  
13 present evidence to show that the person is an  
14 incapacitated or protected person, or both, under  
15 article V of chapter 560, and whether the appointment  
16 of a guardian is sought at the hearing. If  
17 appointment of a guardian is to be recommended, and a  
18 nominee is known at the time the petition is filed,  
19 the identity of the nominee shall be disclosed."

20 SECTION 4. Section 353-13.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended as follows:



1 1. By amending its title and subsections (a) to (d) to  
2 read:

3 "[+]§353-13.9[+] **Hearing on petition.** (a) The court may  
4 adjourn or continue a hearing for failure to timely notify [~~a~~  
5 ~~spouse, civil union partner, reciprocal beneficiary, guardian,~~  
6 ~~relative,~~] the person's legal guardian or emergency contact  
7 listed while the person is in the custody of the department, or  
8 other person determined by the court to be entitled to notice,  
9 or for failure by the person who is the subject of the petition  
10 to contact an attorney as provided in section 353-13.8, if the  
11 court determines that an adjournment or continuance is in the  
12 interest of justice.

13 (b) Unless the hearing is waived, the [~~judge~~] court shall  
14 hear the petition as soon as possible and no later than ten days  
15 after the date the petition is filed unless a reasonable delay  
16 is sought for good cause shown by the person who is the subject  
17 of the petition, the person's attorney, the petitioner, the  
18 guardian or guardian ad litem, or those persons entitled to  
19 receive notice of the hearing under section 353-13.8.

20 (c) The person who is the subject of the petition shall be  
21 present at all hearings unless the person waives the right to be  
22 present, is unable to attend, or creates conditions that make it



1 impossible to conduct the hearing in a reasonable manner as  
2 determined by the [~~judge.~~] court. A waiver is valid only upon  
3 acceptance by the court following a judicial determination that  
4 the person understands the person's rights and is competent to  
5 waive them, or is unable to participate. [~~If the person is~~  
6 ~~unable to participate, the judge shall appoint a guardian ad~~  
7 ~~litem or a temporary guardian as provided in article V of~~  
8 ~~chapter 560, to represent the person throughout the~~  
9 ~~proceedings.~~] At any point during the proceedings and after the  
10 filing of the petition, the court may appoint a guardian ad  
11 litem or a temporary guardian, as provided in article V of  
12 chapter 560, to represent the person throughout the proceedings,  
13 if the court finds that the person is unable to participate or  
14 that other good cause exists.

15 (d) Hearings may be held at a convenient location within  
16 the circuit or district where the person who is the subject of  
17 the petition resides or any other circuit or district deemed  
18 appropriate by the court. The person or any interested person  
19 may request a hearing in another circuit or district because of  
20 convenience to the parties, witnesses, or the court, or because  
21 of the person's mental or physical condition."





1           2.    By amending subsection (i) to read:

2           "(i)  If the court finds that the criteria for involuntary  
3 medical treatment under section 353-13.6 have been met by clear  
4 and convincing evidence, the court may issue an order to  
5 authorize the department to involuntarily medically treat the  
6 person for a period of up to one year unless the person is  
7 sooner released or sooner determined to no longer be in need of  
8 treatment.  If so specified by the court, however, the order may  
9 remain in effect if the person who is the subject of the  
10 petition is released but returns to custody during the maximum  
11 period of the order, if the underlying criminal case is still  
12 active, or if the sentence has not been fully served, unless the  
13 person is sooner determined to no longer be in need of  
14 treatment."

15           SECTION 5.  Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken.  New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Correctional Facilities; Involuntary Medical Treatment

**Description:**

Amends procedures for petition and hearing for court-ordered, involuntary medical treatment of inmates and detainees in custody of the department of corrections. (HB948 HD1)

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