
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[~~7~~] or the chief justice's designee, the director[~~7~~] or the
6 director's designee, the president of the Hawaii State Bar
7 Association[~~7~~] 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[~~7~~] 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; [~~and~~]

19 (6) Upon approval by the chairperson, for good cause that
20 shall include recusal or unanticipated absence of a
21 member, the panel may proceed with two members; and



1 [~~5~~] (7) Appoint an administrative secretary and such
2 other clerical and other assistants as may be
3 necessary within the limits of available
4 appropriations, subject to any applicable salary
5 classification and civil service schedules, laws, and
6 rules."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority; Panel Members

Description:

Allows certain members of the panel that nominates members for the Hawaii Paroling Authority to appoint a designee. Requires certain parole hearing information to be made public in a specified time frame. Requires three Paroling Authority panel members for quorum, unless the chairperson approves a quorum of two for good cause shown. (SB1176 HD2)

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