
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 designee, the director [7] or designee, the president
6 of the Hawaii State Bar Association [7] or designee, a
7 representative designated by the head of the Interfaith Alliance
8 Hawaii, a member from the general public to be appointed by the
9 governor, and the president of the Hawaii chapter of the
10 National Association of Social Workers [7] or designee. The
11 panel shall submit to the governor the names of not less than
12 three persons, designated as the nominees, for chairperson or as
13 a member, for each vacancy. The requirement for nomination by
14 the panel established under this section shall only apply to a
15 nominee's nomination by the governor to an initial term on the
16 paroling authority and not to any subsequent consecutive term of
17 a sitting paroling authority member or chairperson whose initial



1 appointment to office was made pursuant to a nomination by the
2 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 inmate's name;

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

13 (C) If the parole request was denied, the reason for
14 the denial of the request;

15 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Send a detailed report of its operations to the
16 governor every three months;

17 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) In promulgating rules, conform to chapter 91;

18 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) ~~[In all matters]~~ Entitle a prisoner to a hearing
19 before a panel of three of its members which shall act
20 by a majority of ~~[its]~~ the panel members; ~~[and]~~

21 (6) If it is determined immediately preceding or during
22 the course of a hearing that a sitting panel member



1 must be recused due to a conflict of interest, the
2 panel may proceed with two members; and
3 ~~(5)~~ (7) 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 on January 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority; Panel Members

Description:

Allows the chief justice, director of public safety, president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and president of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, who serve on the panel that nominates Hawaii Paroling Authority members, to select designees to represent them on the panel. Requires certain information regarding parole decisions by the paroling authority to be made public after a parole release hearing. Requires three paroling authority panel members for quorum, unless there is a recusal due to a conflict of interest, then two panel members meet quorum. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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