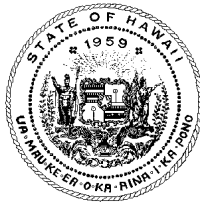


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Thursday, February 7, 2013; 9:00 a.m.  
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Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill 945, relating to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, which allows designees be appointed to the panel that reviews applicants for the paroling authority and nominates members for the Governor's consideration. The purpose of this measure is to ensure the timely nomination of new members.

The paroling authority nomination panel includes the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Director of Public Safety, the President of the Bar Association of Hawaii, and the President of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Social Workers Association. The panel is responsible for vetting the list of applicants, conducting interviews, and submitting not less than three names per vacancy for the Governor's consideration. This work averages three to five full days of meetings, a schedule that is often impractical for persons in high level positions. The proposed amendments would allow the Chief Justice, Director, and President to appoint designees to represent them.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) supports the proposed amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes §353-61 as outlined in House Bill 945.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.