

# H.B. NO. 945

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## 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

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1 appointment to office was made pursuant to a nomination by the  
2 panel."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Paroling Authority

**Description:**

Allows designees be appointed to the panel that reviews applicants for the paroling authority and nominates members for the Governor's consideration.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety.

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY.

PURPOSE: To allow members of the paroling authority nomination panel to appoint a designee to represent them.

MEANS: Amend section 353-61(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: 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 person in high level positions. The proposed amendments would allow the Chief Justice, Director, and Presidents to appoint designees to represent them.

Impact on the public: The nomination panel would complete its work in a timelier manner, ensuring vacant parole board positions are filled as soon as practicable.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Executives named in section 353-61(a), HRS, would have the opportunity to determine if it would be more practical to assign a designee in their stead.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION:

PSD 611.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:

The Judiciary, Department of Public Safety,  
Bar Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii  
Chapter of the National Association of Social  
Workers.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.