

SB 2884

RELATING TO PAROLE.

Specifies that funds for discharged persons be subject to legislative appropriation. Clarifies circumstances under which the paroling authority may grant early discharges. Provides discretion to the paroling authority with respect to initial pardon consideration as it relates to paroled prisoners.

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A BILL RELATING TO PAROLE
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** Senate Bill 2884, Relating to Parole. This bill clarifies the responsibilities and duties of the Hawaii Paroling Authority when granting funds to offenders who are exiting the correctional system, and are being discharged from parole. It is the Department's belief that it is the ex-offender's right to be considered for a pardon after five years under parole supervision. Section 353-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, ensures that every pardon application would be investigated.

We thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) strongly supports SB 2884 and urges the legislature to move this measure forward.

Senate Bill 2884 seeks to clarify several areas of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and provide consistency with respect to the HPA's Administrative Rules. This measure also seeks to eliminate the requirement for the HPA to conduct a pardon investigation for every offender on active parole supervision for at least five (5) consecutive years regardless of their adjustment to the community, current parole violation status, or outstanding restitution, court fees and/or fines that may be owed, and/or their criminal history. The HPA respectfully requests your support for this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 2884.

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RE: S.B. 2884; RELATING TO PAROLE.

Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, submits the following testimony in **support** of Senate Bill 2884.

S.B. 2884 would clarify the Hawai'i Paroling Authority's ("HPA") ability to grant written discharge from further liability on a prisoner's sentence, to the extent that the prisoner is serving a court-ordered mandatory minimum, and/or continues to owe restitution payments to his or her victim(s). These are reasonable limitations, which recognize the authority of court-ordered mandatory minimums and protect the interests of crime victims. While the HPA is likely already adhering to these limitations currently, the express clarification of this statute is both helpful and appropriate.

For these reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports S.B. 2884. Thank for you the opportunity to testify on this matter.