
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 353L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The commission shall:

4 (1) Oversee the State's correctional system and have
5 jurisdiction over investigating complaints at
6 correctional facilities and facilitating a
7 correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and
8 therapeutic model;

9 (2) Establish maximum inmate population limits for each
10 correctional facility and formulate policies and
11 procedures to prevent the inmate population from
12 exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility;

13 (3) Work with the department of public safety in
14 monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender
15 reentry program, including facility educational and
16 treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work
17 furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's



1 oversight of parolees. The commission may make
2 recommendations to the department of public safety,
3 the Hawaii paroling authority, and the legislature
4 regarding reentry and parole services; [~~and~~]

5 (4) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system
6 under chapter 353H is working properly to provide
7 programs and services that result in the timely
8 release of inmates on parole when the minimum terms
9 have been served instead of delaying the release for
10 lack of programs and services[-];

11 (5) Review and recommend amendments to the department of
12 public safety's operating budget request and any
13 capital improvement project appropriation requests
14 prior to each legislative session to ensure that
15 funding and budget allocations align with the State's
16 firm commitment to the correctional system's
17 transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.
18 The commission shall inform the legislature if its
19 recommendations were not accepted; and

20 (6) Advise the governor as to whether the department of
21 public safety's expenditure plan serves to fulfil the



1 goal of the correctional system's transition to a
2 rehabilitative and therapeutic model.

3 To achieve these ends, the commission shall authorize the
4 oversight coordinator to adopt rules in accordance with chapter
5 91."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to review and recommend amendments to the Department of Public Safety's operating budget request and any capital improvement project appropriation requests prior to each legislative session. Requires the Commission to inform the Legislature if its recommendations were not accepted. Requires the Commission to advise the Governor as to whether the Department of Public Safety's expenditure plan serves to fulfil the goal of the correctional system's transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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