
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECIDIVISM REDUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that post-incarceration
2 employment is strongly associated with a reduction in
3 recidivism, or the rate at which offenders return to prison for
4 committing new crimes after their release into the community.

5 The legislature further finds that taking actions aimed at
6 lowering recidivism rates also has the effect of reducing
7 burdens on taxpayers. This effect is due to the relationship
8 between lower recidivism rates, fewer incarcerated individuals,
9 and safer communities that experience less crime.

10 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce recidivism,
11 facilitate post-incarceration employment, and incentivize
12 increased compliance with parole by authorizing the Hawaii
13 paroling authority to award credits to parolees for compliance
14 with the terms and conditions of parole supervision that
15 accordingly reduce the overall term of parole supervision.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§353- Credit for parole compliance; how earned. (a)

5 A parolee may be eligible to earn credits for compliance with
6 the terms and conditions of parole supervision that accordingly
7 reduce the overall term of parole supervision, as follows:

8 (1) For each calendar month that the parolee complies with
9 the terms and conditions of parole supervision, the
10 Hawaii paroling authority may award the parolee with
11 earned credits equal to thirty calendar days to be
12 applied toward a reduction of the parole supervision
13 period; and

14 (2) As used in this subsection, "compliance" means the
15 absence of a violation report submitted by a parole
16 officer during the relevant calendar month.

17 (b) The paroling authority may develop written policies
18 and procedures necessary for the implementation of earned
19 credits as authorized pursuant to this section. The policies
20 and procedures may include written guidelines relating to:



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Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority; Prisoners; Parole; Compliance Credits

Description:

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