

A Bill for an Act Relating to Responsibility and Fitness of Defendant.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 704-411, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§704-411 Legal effect of acquittal on the ground of physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect excluding responsibility; commitment; conditional release; discharge; procedure for separate post-acquittal hearing. (1) When a defendant is acquitted on the ground of physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect excluding responsibility, the court shall, on the basis of the report made pursuant to section 704-404, if uncontested, or the medical evidence given at the trial or at a separate hearing, make an order as follows:

- (a) The court shall order him to be committed to the custody of the director of health to be placed in an appropriate institution for custody, care, and treatment if the court finds that the defendant presents a risk of danger to himself or [the person or property of] others and that he is not a proper subject for conditional release; [or] provided that the director of health shall place defendants charged with misdemeanors or felonies not involving violence or attempted violence in the least restrictive environment appropriate in light of the defendant’s treatment needs and the need to prevent harm to the person confined and others; or
- (b) The court shall order the defendant to be released on such conditions as the court deems necessary if the court finds that the defendant is affected by physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect and that he presents a danger to himself or [the person or property of] others, but that he can be controlled adequately and given proper care, supervision, and treatment if he is released on condition; or
- (c) The court shall order him discharged from custody if the court finds that the defendant is no longer affected by physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect, or, if so affected, that he no longer presents a danger to himself or [the person or property of] others and is not in need of care, supervision, or treatment.

(2) The court shall, upon its own motion or on the motion of the prosecuting attorney or the defendant, order a separate post-acquittal hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the issue of the risk of danger which the defendant presents to himself or [the person or property of] others.

(3) When ordering such a hearing the court shall appoint three qualified examiners to examine and report upon the physical and mental condition of the defendant. In each case the court shall appoint at least one psychiatrist and at least one certified clinical psychologist. The third member may be either a psychiatrist, certified clinical psychologist, or a qualified physician. One of the three shall be a psychiatrist or certified clinical psychologist designated by the director of health from within the department of health. To facilitate such examination and the proceedings thereon, the court may cause the defendant, if not then so confined, to be committed to a hospital or other suitable facility for the purpose of examination

and may direct that qualified physicians retained by the defendant be permitted to witness and participate in the examination. The examination and report and the compensation of persons making or assisting in the examination shall be in accord with section 704-404(3), (4)(a) and (b), (6), (7), (8), and (9).

(4) Whether the court's order under subsection (1) is made on the basis of the medical evidence given at the trial, or on the basis of the report made pursuant to section 704-404, or the medical evidence given at a separate hearing, the burden shall be upon the State to prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant may not safely be discharged and that he should be either committed or conditionally released as provided in subsection (1)."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 14, 1983.)