

ACT 16

S.B. NO. 2305

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Comprehensive Offender Reentry System.

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

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

“(b) The commission shall:

- (1) Oversee the State’s correctional system and have jurisdiction over investigating complaints at correctional facilities and facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model;
- (2) Establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility and formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility;
- (3) Work with the department of public safety in monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority’s oversight of parolees. The commission may make recommendations to the department of public safety, the Hawaii paroling authority, and the legislature regarding reentry and parole services; and
- (4) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system under chapter 353H is working properly to provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the [~~maximum~~] minimum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved April 27, 2022.)