
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-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The governor shall appoint an oversight coordinator
4 from a list of three nominees submitted by the commission. The
5 oversight coordinator shall be a person qualified by training
6 and experience to administer the Hawaii correctional system
7 oversight commission and shall be well-versed in criminal
8 justice reform and maintain a firm commitment to the
9 correctional system's transition to a rehabilitative and
10 therapeutic model. The oversight coordinator shall serve a
11 [two-year] three-year term[-]; provided that at the end of the
12 coordinator's term, the Hawaii correctional system oversight
13 commission may review the coordinator's performance and make a
14 recommendation to the governor whether the coordinator should be
15 retained for an additional term."

16 SECTION 2. Section 353L-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



1 "(c) [~~In an investigation, the~~] The oversight coordinator
2 may make inquiries and obtain information as the oversight
3 coordinator thinks fit, enter without notice to inspect the
4 premises of an agency or correctional facility, and, in an
5 investigation, hold private hearings in accordance with
6 chapter 91."

7 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; Oversight Coordinator

Description:

Beginning July 1, 2025, extends the term of the Oversight Coordinator for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Authorizes the Hawaii Correctional System Commission to review the Coordinator's performance and make a recommendation to the Governor as to whether the Coordinator should be retained. Clarifies that the Oversight Coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice. (SD1)

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