A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDITIONAL RELEASE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 704-413, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$704-413 Conditional release; application for
- 4 modification or discharge; termination of conditional release
- 5 and commitment. (1) Any person released pursuant to section
- 6 704-411 shall continue to receive mental health or other
- 7 treatment and care deemed appropriate by the director of health
- 8 until discharged from conditional release. The person shall
- 9 follow all prescribed treatments and take all prescribed
- 10 medications according to the instructions of the person's
- 11 treating mental health professional. If any mental health
- 12 professional treating any conditionally released person believes
- 13 either the person is not complying with the requirements of this
- 14 section or there is other evidence that hospitalization is
- 15 appropriate, the mental health professional shall report the
- 16 matter to the probation officer of the conditionally released
- 17 person. The probation officer may order the conditionally
- 18 released person to be hospitalized for a period not to exceed



- 1 seventy-two hours if the probation officer has probable cause to
- 2 believe the person has violated the requirements of this
- 3 subsection. No person shall be hospitalized beyond the seventy-
- 4 two hour period, as computed pursuant to section 1-29, unless a
- 5 hearing has been held pursuant to subsection (3)[-]; provided
- 6 that at or before the expiration of the seventy-two hour period,
- 7 a court may conduct a hearing to determine whether the person
- 8 would benefit from further hospitalization which may render a
- 9 revocation unnecessary. If satisfied, the court may order
- 10 further temporary hospitalization for a period not to exceed
- 11 ninety days, subject to extension as appropriate, but in no
- 12 event for a period longer than one year. At any time within
- 13 that period, the court may determine that a hearing pursuant to
- 14 subsection (3) should be conducted.
- 15 (2) Any person released pursuant to section 704-411 may
- 16 apply to the court ordering the conditional release for
- 17 discharge from, or modification of, the order granting
- 18 conditional release on the ground that the person is no longer
- 19 affected by a physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect
- 20 and may be discharged, or the order may be modified, without
- 21 danger to the person or to others. The application shall be
- 22 accompanied by a letter from or supporting affidavit of a



- 1 qualified physician or licensed psychologist. A copy of the
- 2 application and letter or affidavit shall be transmitted to the
- 3 prosecuting attorney of the circuit from which the order issued
- 4 and to any persons supervising the release, and the hearing on
- 5 the application shall be held following notice to such persons.
- 6 If the determination of the court is adverse to the application,
- 7 the person shall not be permitted to file further application
- 8 until one year has elapsed from the date of any preceding
- 9 hearing on an application for modification of conditions of
- 10 release or for discharge.
- 11 (3) If, at any time after the order pursuant to section
- 12 704-411 granting conditional release, the court determines,
- 13 after hearing evidence, that:
- 14 (a) The person is still affected by a physical or mental
- disease, disorder, or defect, and the conditions of
- release have not been fulfilled; or
- (b) For the safety of the person or others, the person's
- conditional release should be revoked[7];
- 19 the court may forthwith modify the conditions of release or
- 20 order the person to be committed to the custody of the director
- 21 of health, subject to discharge or release only in accordance
- 22 with the procedure prescribed in section 704-412."

- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Conditional Release

Description:

Provide statutory guidance and clarification on the seventy-two hour hold and extended hold process, especially as it relates to patients under conditional release from the State Hospital or related facility. (SD1)