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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISCHARGE OF SURETIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to improve the 2 process by which principals are surrendered and sureties 3 discharged by eliminating duplicate procedures, requiring 4 documentation of and justification for the discharge of 5 sureties, and preventing misuse. 6 Section 804-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 7 amended to read as follows: 8 "\$804-14 Discharge of sureties. (a) Those who may have 9 become bail for anyone, may at any time discharge themselves, by 10 surrendering [him] the person to the custody of any sheriff [or 11 chief of police or [his] the sheriff's authorized subordinate. 12 Upon the discharge of surety, the surety shall prepare 13 a notarized statement setting forth the reasons for the 14 discharge of surety on the principal; the notarized statement 15 shall be filed with the clerk of court prior to surrender of the

principal and filed thereafter with the insurance commissioner

for the insurance commissioner's review."

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1	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
3	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Bail; Discharge of Sureties

Description:

Requires filing of a notarized statement with the clerk of court and the insurance commissioner setting forth the reason for discharge of the surety and surrender of the principal.