THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII **S.B. NO.** <sup>1307</sup> S.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the composition of a
 panel that nominates the members of the Hawaii paroling
 authority should be updated. One of the panel delegates, Hawaii
 Criminal Justice Association, is no longer in existence.

5 The purpose of this Act is to update the composition of the 6 panel that nominates the members of the Hawaii paroling 7 authority.

8 SECTION 2. Section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§353-61 Hawaii paroling authority; appointment; tenure; 11 qualifications. Members of the paroling authority shall be 12 nominated by a panel composed of the chief justice of the Hawaii 13 supreme court, the director, [the president of the Hawaii 14 Criminal-Justice Association] the president of the bar association of Hawaii, a representative designated by the head 15 of the Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, a member from the general 16 17 public to be appointed by the governor, and the president of the 18 Hawaii chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

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1 The panel shall submit to the governor the names of not less 2 than three persons, designated as the nominees, for chairperson 3 or as a member, for each vacancy. The requirement for 4 nomination by the panel established under this section shall 5 only apply to a nominee's nomination by the governor to an 6 initial term on the paroling authority and not to any subsequent 7 consecutive term of a sitting paroling authority member or 8 chairperson whose initial appointment to office was made 9 pursuant to a nomination by the panel. The governor shall 10 appoint, in the manner prescribed by section 26-34, a paroling 11 authority to be known as the Hawaii paroling authority, to consist of three members one of whom shall be designated 12 13 chairperson. Appointments shall be made for terms of four 14 years, commencing from the date of expiration of the last 15 preceding term. Any vacancy in an unexpired term shall be 16 filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. 17 Nominees to the authority shall be selected on the basis of their qualifications to make decisions that will be compatible 18 19 with the welfare of the community and of individual offenders, 20 including their background and ability for appraisal of 21 offenders and the circumstances under which offenses were 22 committed."

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SECTION 3. The department of public safety shall not
 receive any additional funding in the department's operating
 budget to carry out the purpose of this Act.
 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken.
 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

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**Report Title:** Relating to Public Safety

#### Description:

This measure amends section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete the Hawaii Criminal Justice Association, which no longer exists, from the panel that nominates members of the paroling authority. (SD1)

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