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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAROLE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 353-70, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§353-70 Final discharge.** Whenever, in its opinion, any  
4 paroled prisoner has given such evidence as is deemed reliable  
5 and trustworthy that the paroled prisoner will remain at liberty  
6 without violating the law and that the paroled prisoner's final  
7 release is not incompatible with the welfare of society, the  
8 Hawaii paroling authority may grant the prisoner a written  
9 discharge from further liability under the prisoner's  
10 sentence[-] unless the inmate is serving any portion of a court-  
11 ordered mandatory minimum sentence or the inmate or paroled  
12 prisoner owes restitution.

13           Any paroled prisoner who has been on parole for at least  
14 five years [~~shall be brought before~~] may have the prisoner's  
15 case administratively reviewed by the paroling authority for  
16 purposes of consideration for final discharge and, at the  
17 discretion of the authority, may be considered for a



1 recommendation for a complete pardon. In the event the prisoner  
2 is not granted a final discharge and full pardon, the paroled  
3 prisoner shall be brought before the paroling authority for the  
4 aforementioned purposes annually thereafter.

5 Any person, who, while on parole, enters the military  
6 service of the United States, may, upon the person's honorable  
7 discharge therefrom, petition the paroling authority for a final  
8 discharge, and the paroling authority may consider the honorable  
9 discharge as grounds for granting a final discharge from parole  
10 and recommending to the governor a full pardon."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Parole; Discharged Persons

**Description:**

Clarifies circumstances under which the Hawaii Paroling Authority may grant early discharges. Provides the paroling authority with discretion to consider final discharge in an administrative action and to consider complete pardons for paroled prisoners. (SD1)

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