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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 353C-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 3 "(d) The director shall have the discretion to withhold
- 4 disclosure of [the decedent's name or] any information that is
- 5 explicitly protected from disclosure by state or federal
- 6 laws[+]; provided that if the director withholds any information
- 7 protected from disclosure by one or more state or federal laws,
- 8 the director shall include in the report required by subsection
- 9 (a), a description of the circumstances and cause of death and
- 10 any state and federal laws that explicitly prohibit the
- 11 disclosure of the information withheld pursuant to this
- 12 subsection; provided further that the director shall ensure that
- 13 the description of the circumstances and cause of death included
- 14 in the report does not include any information that could
- 15 identify the decedent."
- 16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Department of Public Safety; Director of Public Safety; Corrections; Correctional Facilities; Community Correctional Centers; Death; Reporting Requirements; Disclosure

## Description:

Authorizes the Director of Public Safety to withhold certain information regarding deaths at correctional facilities or community correctional centers. Requires the director to include in the report regarding the death that is submitted to the governor a description of the circumstances and cause of death of the individual and ensure that the description does not contain any details that could identify the deceased individual.

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