

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECIDIVISM REDUCTION.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that post-incarceration 1 employment is strongly associated with a reduction in 2 recidivism, or the rate at which offenders return to prison for 3 committing new crimes after their release into the community. 4 The legislature further finds that taking actions aimed at 5 lowering recidivism rates also has the effect of reducing 6 burdens on taxpayers. This effect is due to the relationship 7 between lower recidivism rates, fewer incarcerated individuals, 8 and safer communities that experience less crime. 9 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce recidivism,

10 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce recidivism, 11 facilitate post-incarceration employment, and incentivize 12 increased compliance with parole by authorizing the Hawaii 13 paroling authority to award credits to parolees for compliance 14 with the terms and conditions of parole supervision that 15 accordingly reduce the overall term of parole supervision.

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1	SECTION 2. Chapter 353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately		
3	designated and to read as follows:		
4	" <u>\$353-</u> Credit for parole compliance; how earned. (a)		
5	<u>A parolee</u>	may be eligible to earn credits for compliance with	
6	the terms	and conditions of parole supervision that accordingly	
7	reduce the overall term of parole supervision, as follows:		
8	(1)	For each calendar month that the parolee complies with	
9		the terms and conditions of parole supervision, the	
10		Hawaii paroling authority may award the parolee with	
11		earned credits equal to thirty calendar days to be	
12		applied toward a reduction of the parole supervision	
13		period; and	
14	(2)	As used in this subsection, "compliance" means the	
15		absence of a violation report submitted by a parole	
16		officer during the relevant calendar month.	
17	(b)	The paroling authority may develop written policies	
18	and proced	dures necessary for the implementation of earned	
19	credits as authorized pursuant to this section. The policies		
20	and procedures may include written guidelines relating to:		

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1	(1)	The process of earning credits and the application of
2		credits toward the reduction of the term of parole
3		supervision; and
4	(2)	The collection of data pertaining to parolees who earn
5		credit, the amount of credit earned and applied, and
6		the amount of time by which parole supervision periods
7		are reduced.
8	(c)	The paroling authority may maintain a record of
9	<u>credits e</u>	arned by a parolee under this section. At least every
10	six months from the date the parolee is placed on parole	
11	supervision, the paroling authority may notify the parolee of	
12	the current anticipated parole supervision termination date."	
13	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.	
14	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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		INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Hawaii Paroling Authority; Prisoners; Parole; Compliance Credits

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii paroling authority to award credits to parolees for compliance with the terms and conditions of parole supervision that accordingly reduce the overall term of parole supervision.

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