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S.B. NO. 3213

A Bill for an Act Relating to Mental Health. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii: SECTION 1. Section 334-74, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§334-74 Transfer of residents of correctional facilities. If any resident of a state correctional facility is in need of hospital treatment for a primary diagnosis of mental illness [or substance abuse], the director of corrections or the officer in charge of the correctional facility may file with the director of health an application for the transfer of the resident to the state hospital, together with the certificate of a psychiatrist or psychologist employed by the department of health showing the need for such hospital treatment, and, upon approval of the application by the director of health, the official having custody of the resident shall transfer the resident to the state hospital for care and treatment. The official effecting the transfer of the resident shall keep the administrator of the state hospital informed of the maximum period of commitment of the resident to the director of corrections, and, if the continued hospitalization of the resident beyond the expiration of the period is deemed necessary, the administrator of the state hospital shall institute the admission procedures required to detain the resident as a patient notwithstanding the resident's release from the state correctional facility; provided that a judicial hearing pursuant to sections 334-60.2 to 334-60.7 be held by the same circuit court that sentenced such resident. In the event that discharge from the hospital occurs before the expiration of the maximum period of commitment or confinement, the resident shall be returned to the appropriate state correctional facility. As used in this section, "resident" means any person serving a sentence in a state correctional facility or any child or minor detained in a state correctional facility."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 20, 1988.)