

ACT 24

S.B. NO. 2647

A Bill for an Act Relating to Corrections.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§353-61 Hawaii paroling authority; appointment; tenure; qualifications. Members of the paroling authority shall be nominated by a panel composed of the chief justice of the Hawaii supreme court, the director, the president of the ~~[Hawaii correctional association,]~~ Hawaii Criminal Justice Association, the president of the bar association of Hawaii, a representative designated by the head of the

~~[Hawaii council of churches,]~~ Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, a member from the general public to be appointed by the governor and the president of the Hawaii chapter of the national association of social workers. The panel shall submit to the governor the names of not less than three persons, designated as the nominees, for chairperson or as a member, for each vacancy. The governor shall appoint, in the manner prescribed by section 26-34, a paroling authority to be known as the Hawaii paroling authority, to consist of three members one of whom shall be designated chairperson. Of the members first appointed after May 13, 1976, the member designated as chairperson shall be appointed for a term of four years, one member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and one member shall be appointed for a term of two years; thereafter all appointments shall be made for terms of four years, commencing from the date of expiration of the last preceding term. Any vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Nominees to the authority shall be selected on the basis of their qualifications to make decisions that will be compatible with the welfare of the community and of individual offenders, including their background and ability for appraisal of offenders and the circumstances under which offenses were committed.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved April 29, 2004.)