



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair

Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Forensic Mental Health.

Purpose: This bill amends the Penal Code to establish limits to the length of conditional release for certain charges, clarify circumstances under which conditional release may be tolled and requires information-sharing among public agencies. A report to the Legislature is also required.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as it incorporates the requested modifications to the language proposed by the Judiciary pertaining to tolling. The bill now further clarifies circumstances under which the one-year conditional release status may be tolled. It specifies that the tolling period shall apply during a period of forensic hospitalization and during the pendency of a motion to revoke conditional release. This is addressed in Section 5 of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D.1.