

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Department of Public Safety (PSD), established under section 26-14.6, HRS, is headed by the Director of Public Safety. The Department is responsible for the formulation and implementation of state policies and objectives for correctional, security, law enforcement, and public safety programs and functions, for the administration and maintenance of all public or private correctional facilities and services, for service of process, and for the security of state buildings. The mission of the Department of Public Safety is to uphold justice and public safety by providing correctional and law enforcement services to Hawaii's communities with professionalism, integrity, and fairness.

Administration Division

Through its Administration Division, the Department achieves its mission by planning, evaluating, and monitoring expenditures; planning and implementing capital improvement projects; providing statistical data on inmate populations; managing the procurement of goods and services; administering a statewide training program for uniformed and non-uniformed employees; providing personnel services, management information, and administrative policies and procedures; and enforcing civil rights compliance.

Law Enforcement Division

Through its Law Enforcement Division, the Department preserves the peace and protects the public in designated areas, including state property and facilities, and enforces specified laws and rules for the prevention and control of crime. The Law Enforcement Division comprises the Sheriff Division and the Narcotics Enforcement Division.

Narcotics Enforcement Division. The Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) is a statewide law enforcement agency that serves and protects the public by enforcing state laws pertaining to controlled substances and regulated chemicals. It is responsible for the registration and control of the manufacture, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of controlled substances and precursor or essential chemicals in the State.

NED also investigates all drug offenses initiated in correctional facilities and other state facilities. NED assists other PSD law enforcement agencies with criminal narcotics investigative support and provides forensic drug analysis for federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies upon request. NED is also responsible for ensuring that pharmaceutical controlled substances are used for legitimate medical purposes. It registers and investigates all violations by persons who administer, prescribe, manufacture, or dispense controlled substances in the State, including those who work at methadone clinics.

In addition to enforcement, the Division focuses on interdiction, diversion, and prevention activities. NED is also responsible for Hawaii's Electronic Prescription Accountability System (ePAS), which monitors all prescriptions filled in the State for Schedules II through V controlled substances.

Sheriff Division. The Sheriff Division carries out law enforcement services statewide. Its mission is to preserve the peace by protecting all persons and property within premises under the control of the Judiciary and all state facilities; providing execution of court documents; handling detained persons; and providing secure transportation for persons in custody. It also provides law enforcement services at Honolulu International Airport.

Sheriffs are involved at various stages of the criminal justice system. At the initial stage, they arrest, book, and process persons entering the system. At the police cellblock, they secure, escort, and transport detainees. Sheriffs escort, secure, and transport juvenile and adult inmates to intrastate destinations for court appearances. They serve various types of arrest warrants and other documents, and execute writs of possession. They also conduct records verification and background checks.

Additionally, through its specialized canine unit, the Division is responsible for detecting narcotics and explosives in agencies within the Judiciary, the Department's correctional facilities, and other state and county agencies that request such services.

The Division provides executive protection services to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and when requested, national and international dignitaries.

Corrections Division

The Corrections Division comprises six divisions and offices that encompass the majority of the Department's personnel and budget. Those divisions and offices include: the Correctional Industries Division, Corrections Program Services Division, Health Care Division, Institutions Division, Intake Service Centers Division, and Reentry Coordination Office.

Through its Corrections Division, the Department provides for: the care and custody of all persons committed by the courts or detained pending judicial disposition of criminal charges; the supervision and monitoring of persons released from confinement upon proper authority; and programs and services that enable such persons to acquire skills necessary to function in the community in a law-abiding manner.

The State of Hawaii is unique among states in that the community correctional centers (jails), are managed by the state instead of the county. Hawaii has four prisons where convicted felons with sentences greater than one year are housed. All of the correctional facilities house male inmates except the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC), which is designated a community correctional center but functions primarily as a prison for female offenders. WCCC houses both inmates sentenced to jail (one year or less) and convicted felons sentenced to prison (more than one year).

Correctional Industries Division. The Correctional Industries Division provides comprehensive work programs for all qualified, able-bodied inmates. These programs are mandated to: generate revenue to sustain their operations and allow for capital investment; provide specific training skills for offenders that increase their employment prospects when they return to their community; provide a maximum level of work for all qualified, able-bodied inmates; provide an environment for operations similar to those of a private business; encourage cooperative training ventures with the private sector; and provide low-cost construction, renovations, and repairs of facilities for government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Corrections Program Services Division. The Corrections Program Services Division delivers a range of programs and services that preserves the legal rights of offenders in Hawaii's adult correctional institutions and provides them with opportunities to develop positive skills and attitudes necessary to function in the community as productive, law-abiding members. Current correctional programs and services include academic education, social development, vocational training, work development, substance abuse and sex offender treatment, and religious, library, and food services.

Health Care Division. The Health Care Services Division provides health care services, in coordination with security and other correctional units, to persons detained in or sentenced to state correctional facilities. These services include medical, mental health, nursing, dental, preventive health, chronic care, and health education. The Division also ensures adherence to contemporary community standards to maintain uniformity of quality of health care delivery, and integration and coordination among health care providers, while remaining fiscally responsible. The Division provides oversight of health care provided to Hawaii inmates in out-of-state facilities, as well as monitoring, auditing, and pre-authorization of services for non-emergency outside provider care.

Institutions Division. The Institutions Division's primary responsibility is to provide an effective offender management and service delivery system commensurate with the needs of offenders, institutions, and public safety. This includes providing a lawful, secure, humane, safe, and constructive environment for custodial care, with meaningful programs and services that are beneficial to offenders. The Division maintains facilities and programs for the detention of adults pending judicial decisions and redirects adults sentenced to incarceration.

Intake Service Centers Division. The Intake Service Centers Division (ISCD) is responsible for admission and release screening and pretrial investigations and evaluations of all offenders. ISCD provides supervision to offenders placed in supervised release programs by the courts. The Division also provides social, physical, and mental health screening and assessments of offenders for diversionary purposes, and identifies custody and care needs of the offender population.

Reentry Coordination Office. Under the general supervision of the head of the Office of the Deputy Director for Corrections, the Reentry Office develops, implements, and maintains the comprehensive offender reentry system for individuals entering and exiting correctional facilities in order to increase a person's success for reentry into the community. In addition, the Office assists in the planning, training, and coordination of programs and services that best reflect

evidence-based practices to better prepare sentenced offenders as they transition into the community. The Reentry Office collaborates with community stakeholders to bridge gaps in services, while affording community stakeholders enhanced opportunities to receive offenders as they reintegrate into the community. The Reentry Office oversees the Inmate Classification Section; Programing, Planning and Training Section; Risk Assessment Section; and Victim Notification/Services Section.

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Hawaii Paroling Authority

The Hawaii Paroling Authority, established under section 353-61, HRS, consists of five members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members are nominated by a panel composed of the Chief Justice, Director of Public Safety, President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, a representative designated by the head of Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, a public member appointed by the Governor, and the President of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The panel submits to the Governor the names of not less than three nominees for Chairperson or a member. Nominees are 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 the background and ability for appraisal of offenders and the circumstances under which offenses were committed. The Chairperson serves on a full-time basis. The other four members serve on a part-time basis.

Pursuant to section 353-62, HRS, the Authority serves as the central paroling authority for the State. It considers all committed persons for parole, except in cases where the penalty of life imprisonment without parole has been imposed. Among its duties, the Authority determines the time at which parole is granted and conditions of parole; provides continuing custody, control, and supervision of paroled individuals; revokes or suspends parole; discharges an individual from parole when supervision is no longer needed; and recommends to the Legislature sound parole legislation and recommends to the Governor sound parole administration.

Crime Victim Compensation Commission

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission, established under section 351-11, HRS, consists of three members who are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commission carries out the purpose of chapter 351, HRS, which is to aid victims of certain crimes or dependents of deceased victims and to provide for indemnification of private citizens for personal injury or property damage suffered in the prevention of crime or apprehension of a criminal. Eligibility for compensation to victims or dependents is set forth in section 351-31, HRS, and for compensation to private citizens in section 351-52, HRS.

Correctional Industries Advisory Committee

The Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, established under section 354D-5, HRS, consists of nine members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor designates a member as Chairperson and appoints at least two members from private sector businesses and two members from labor unions. The Director of Public Safety, or designee, serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member. The Committee advises the Department on the feasibility of establishing venture agreements with private sector businesses to utilize the services of qualified, able-bodied inmates pursuant to section 354D-13, HRS.

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