
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO DETERMINE WHETHER BATH SALTS, ALSO KNOWN AS MEPHEDRONE AND METHYLENEDIOXYPYROVALERONE, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and
2 Controlled Substances, which is established under the Department
3 of Health for administrative purposes, is charged with the
4 responsibility of acting in an advisory capacity to the
5 Department of Public Safety relating to the scheduling of
6 controlled substances, by recommending the addition, deletion,
7 or rescheduling of all substances designated as controlled
8 substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety is charged with
11 the responsibility of submitting annual reports to the
12 Legislature, three months prior to the convening of each regular
13 session, with regard to additions, deletions, or revisions to
14 the schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform
15 Controlled Substances Act; and
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17 WHEREAS, bath salts, or mephedrone and
18 methylenedioxypyrovalerone, also known as MDPV, are currently
19 not designated as controlled substances under any of the five
20 schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled
21 Substances Act; and
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23 WHEREAS, bath salts are a synthetic designer drug, and they
24 are a stimulant; and
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26 WHEREAS, bath salts are usually snorted or smoked, not
27 unlike cocaine or methamphetamine, and produce a high similar to
28 methamphetamines and sometimes violent behavior in users; and
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30 WHEREAS, bath salts may cause hallucinations, paranoia, a
31 rapid heart rate, and suicidal thoughts; and
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1 WHEREAS, the White House Drug Czar Gil Kerlikowske issued a
2 written statement in February 2011, warning people about the
3 dangers of taking bath salts; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2011, that the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and
8 Controlled Substances is requested to determine whether bath
9 salts, also known as mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylone,
10 should be designated as a controlled substance; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
13 is requested to include in its mandatory annual report to the
14 Legislature its recommendation on whether bath salts, also known
15 as mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylone, should be added to
16 any of the schedules of substances under the Uniform Controlled
17 Substances Act; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety and
21 the Chairperson of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse
22 and Controlled Substances.
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