
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 329-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§329-4 Duties of the commission. The commission shall:

4 ~~[(1) Act in an advisory capacity to the department of~~
5 ~~public safety relating to the scheduling of~~
6 ~~substances provided in part II of this chapter, by~~
7 ~~recommending the addition, deletion, or rescheduling~~
8 ~~of all substances enumerated in part II of this~~
9 ~~chapter.]~~

10 ~~[(2) Act in an advisory capacity to the department of~~
11 ~~public safety relating to establishment and~~
12 ~~maintenance of the classes of controlled substances,~~
13 ~~as provided in part II of this chapter.]~~

14 ~~[(3)]~~ (1) Assist the department of health in coordinating
15 all action programs of community agencies (state,
16 county, military, or private) specifically focused on
17 the problem of drug abuse.

1 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) Assist the department of health in carrying out
2 educational programs designed to prevent and deter
3 abuse of controlled substances.

4 ~~[(5) Encourage research on abuse of controlled~~
5 ~~substances. In connection with such research, and in~~
6 ~~furtherance of the enforcement of this chapter, it~~
7 ~~may, with the approval of the director of health:~~

8 ~~(A) Establish methods to assess accurately the~~
9 ~~effects of controlled substances and to identify~~
10 ~~and characterize controlled substances with~~
11 ~~potential for abuse;~~

12 ~~(B) Make studies and undertake programs of research~~
13 ~~to:~~

14 ~~(i) Develop new or improved approaches,~~
15 ~~techniques, systems, equipment, and devices~~
16 ~~to strengthen the enforcement of this~~
17 ~~chapter;~~

18 ~~(ii) Determine patterns of abuse of controlled~~
19 ~~substances and the social effects thereof;~~
20 ~~and~~

21 ~~(iii) Improve methods for preventing, predicting,~~
22 ~~understanding, and dealing with the abuse~~
23 ~~of controlled substances.]~~

H.B. NO. 2558

Report Title:

Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Description:

Amends statutory provisions of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances to provide for more focused attention in addressing the issue of substance abuse as a public health issue.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

PURPOSE: To amend duties and responsibilities of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) to provide for more focused attention in addressing the issue of substance abuse as a public health issue.

MEANS: Amend section 329-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) is administratively assigned to the Department of Health (DOH). The Commission is composed of volunteers who represent pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense, enforcement, and corrections segments of the community. One member is concurrently appointed to the State Council on Mental Health pursuant to section 334-10, HRS.

When the Department of Public Safety (PSD) was created, responsibility for the registration and control of the manufacture, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of controlled substances and precursor or essential chemicals was transferred from DOH to PSD.

Amendments in this "housekeeping" measure will more closely align the duties of the Commission with the three core functions of public health: assessment (i.e., monitoring trends and needs), policy development on

public health issues, and assurance of appropriate public health services.

Impact on the public: Amendments will provide for a more focused attention in addressing the issue of substance abuse as a public health issue.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The composition and number of members on the Commission will remain unchanged and will continue to provide for a broad-based representation of the community.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: 05 02 02
HTH 440.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Office of the Governor, Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, and Department of Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.