

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 944

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 944 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the public by updating Hawaii's controlled substances schedules and allowing the Department of Public Safety to identify and track the abuse of certain new non-controlled substances. Specifically, this measure:


- (1) Updates Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substances Act to make it consistent with amendments made to federal law on controlled substances;
- (2) Adds new controlled substances to the list of stimulants classified as Schedule I controlled substances and anabolic steroids classified as Schedule III controlled substances; and
- (3) Changes the penalty provision related to pseudoephedrine by stipulating that only persons who knowingly purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire products containing more than 3.6 grams per day or more than nine grams per thirty-day period of pseudoephedrine without a valid prescription shall be guilty of a Class C felony.



The Department of Public Safety and the Honolulu Police Department supported this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 944 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,


HENRY J. C. AQUINO, Chair



