

HB2385 HD2

- Measure Title:** RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.
- Report Title:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act
- Description:** Updates chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with amendments in the federal Controlled Substances Act as required under section 329-11. (HB2385 HD2)
- Companion:** [SB2812](#)
- Package:** Governor
- Current Referral:** CPH, JDC
- Introducer(s):** SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2385, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

by
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 15, 2018; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2385, House Draft (HD) 2, which updates chapter 329 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to: 1) incorporate amendments made to the federal Controlled Substances Act, and 2) include emergency scheduling and temporary designation as required under section 329-11, HRS.

First, section 329-11, HRS, provides that if a substance is added, deleted, or rescheduled under federal law, then PSD shall recommend to the Legislature that a corresponding change in Hawaii law be made. As such, PSD supports HB 2385, HD 2, which proposes to amend subsection 329-14(f) and (g), HRS, and subsection 329-16(g), HRS, to reflect the additions made to the federal law.

To avoid the nullification of the controlled substances that were emergency scheduled or temporarily designated during the past year, PSD supports the passage of HB 2385, HD 2. This measure mirrors recent changes to the federal Controlled Substances Act, thereby eliminating differences between federal and state law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.