

HB2391 HD2

- Measure Title:** RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.
- Report Title:** Electronic Prescription Accountability System; Disclosure Authorizes disclosure of information collected by the Electronic Prescription Accountability System to authorized employees of the Department of Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. (HB2391 HD2)
- Description:**
- Companion:** [SB2818](#)
- Package:** Governor
- Current Referral:** CPH, JDC
- Introducer(s):** SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2391 HD 2
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 15, 2018

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) **strongly supports** HB 2391 HD 2
3 and its companion SB 2818. These bills support and enhance the coordinated efforts undertaken
4 by the Department of Public Safety (PSD), Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) and the
5 DOH to implement a balanced and coordinated public safety/public health strategy to address
6 opioid and other substance abuse issues in our state. The bills allow the NED administrator to
7 disclose, at his discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription
8 Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
9 (PDMP), to authorized employees of the DOH, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) and
10 the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch (EMSIPSB).

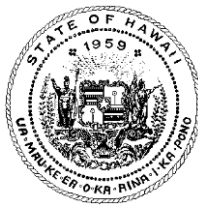
11 The PDMP is a unique resource that provides a picture of health care opioid prescribing
12 and pharmacy dispensing practices and patterns in Hawaii. Increased access to the prescription
13 database will greatly inform the DOH's Strategic Plan for preventing opioid addiction and
14 overdose.

15 More than 150 Hawaii residents die from drug overdoses each year. Nearly half of these
16 deaths involve prescription opioids. Fatal drug overdose is now the leading cause of injury-
17 related deaths in the state, surpassing those from motor vehicle crashes and falls. Prevention and
18 treatment of this problem are top priorities for the Governor. The Hawaii Opioid and Substance
19 Misuse Initiative (Collaborative) brought together a wide range of legislators, state and county
20 officials, law enforcement and first responders, health care professionals and other citizens to

1 work together to develop and implement a plan to reduce prescription opioid abuse and deaths
2 from overdose. HB 2391 HD 2 is intended to fulfill Objective 3-1 of the Hawaii Opioid Action
3 Plan (Plan) developed by the Initiative. The full Plan is available at:
4 <https://health.hawaii.gov/substance-abuse/files/2013/05/The-Hawaii-Opioid-Initiative.pdf>.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2391, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2391, House Draft (HD) 2, which proposes to amend chapter 329-104(c) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow the PSD Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Administrator to disclose, at his/her discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), to authorized employees of the Department of Health (DOH) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the Emergency Medical and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.

PSD has collaborated closely with DOH and other government and private stakeholders to create Hawai'i's "Opioid Action Plan." As part of this action plan, stakeholders agreed that PDMP information sharing between PSD and DOH would provide DOH with information to better protect the community by allowing public health surveillance and decreasing harm reduction. Also, the Opioid Action Plan calls for a balanced approach involving effective treatment, prevention, and law enforcement to combat opioid abuse in Hawai'i. The sharing of data between law

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enforcement and public health officials, as proposed in HB 2391, HD 2, exemplifies this approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Bergquist	Testifying for Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:



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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH:

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Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC) Supports HB2391 HD2:

GOOD MORNING CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization of almost 40 alcohol and drug treatment and prevention agencies.

We look to the Department of Health to coordinated data plans on opioid exposures and overdoses including guidance about how data is collected, synthesized and disseminated for substance use and misuse that is useful for determining policy for the state and meaningful analysis by program managers.

Data informed decision making will help improve systems and promote collaborative responses to address the opioid use disorder crisis in Hawaii as well as across the nation.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.