

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

910

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1486  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 1486, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION  
ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the  
Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division  
Administrator to disclose, at the Administrator's discretion,  
confidential information from the electronic prescription  
accountability system, more commonly known as the Prescription  
Drug Monitoring Program or PDMP, to authorized employees of the  
Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the  
Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, O'ahu County Committee on  
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and Drug  
Policy Forum of Hawaii.

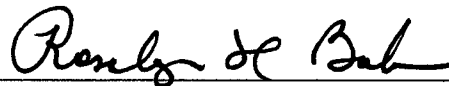
Your Committee finds that the PDMP is a unique resource that  
shows opioid prescribing and pharmacy dispensing practices and  
patterns in Hawaii. Increased access to the PDMP will inform the  
Department of Health's strategic plan for preventing opioid  
addiction and overdose.



Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Opioid Initiative brought together a wide range of legislators, state and county officials, law enforcement and first responders, health care professionals, and other citizens to work together to develop and implement a plan to reduce prescription opioid abuse and deaths from overdose. This measure is the culmination of the cooperative efforts of the Narcotics Enforcement Division and Department of Health and is intended to fulfill one of the objectives of the Hawaii Opioid Action Plan developed by the Hawaii Opioid Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1486, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



