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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 329-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           "(c) This section shall not prevent the disclosure, at the  
4 discretion of the administrator, of investigative information  
5 to:

6           (1) Law enforcement officers, investigative agents of  
7 federal, state, or county law enforcement or  
8 regulatory agencies, United States attorneys, county  
9 prosecuting attorneys, or the attorney general;  
10 provided that the administrator has reasonable grounds  
11 to believe that the disclosure of any information  
12 collected under this part is in furtherance of an  
13 ongoing criminal or regulatory investigation or  
14 prosecution;

15           (2) Registrants authorized under chapters 448, 453, and  
16 463E who are registered to administer, prescribe, or  
17 dispense controlled substances and their practitioner

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- 1 delegate; provided that the information disclosed  
2 relates only to the registrant's own patient;
- 3 (3) Pharmacists or pharmacist delegates, employed by a  
4 pharmacy registered under section 329-32, who request  
5 prescription information about a customer relating to  
6 a violation or possible violation of this chapter;
- 7 (4) Other state-authorized governmental prescription-  
8 monitoring programs;
- 9 (5) The chief medical examiner or licensed physician  
10 designee who requests information and certifies the  
11 request is for the purpose of investigating the death  
12 of an individual;
- 13 (6) Qualified personnel for the purpose of bona fide  
14 research or education; provided that data elements  
15 that would reasonably identify a specific recipient,  
16 prescriber, or dispenser shall be deleted or redacted  
17 from the information prior to disclosure; provided  
18 further that release of the information may be made  
19 only pursuant to a written agreement between qualified  
20 personnel and the administrator in order to ensure  
21 compliance with this subsection; [and]
- 22 (7) Other entities or individuals authorized by the  
23 administrator to assist the program with projects that



**Report Title:**

Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Disclosure of Investigative Information

**Description:**

Amends section 329-104(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division Administrator to disclose, at his discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

PURPOSE: Amend section 329-104(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow the Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division Administrator to disclose, at his discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.

MEANS: Amend section 329-104(c), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Proposed amendments to chapter 329 will accomplish the following:

Allow the Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Administrator to disclose, at his discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.

Impact on the public: This bill is intended to protect the public by allowing access to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, at the discretion of the NED administrator, to obtain and analyze data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to reduce addiction, overdose, and death related to the use of opioids.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
These proposed amendments will aid both the State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health to reduce addiction, overdose, and death related to the use of opioids.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: PSD 502.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.