

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 276

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1186
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1186
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the
Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329, Hawaii Revised
Statutes, to make it consistent with amendments in the federal
controlled substances law as required by section 329-11, Hawaii
Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety; Greenwich Biosciences, Inc.;
and Akamai Cannabis Clinic.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires that if a
substance is added, deleted, or rescheduled under federal law, or
by an emergency scheduling action taken by the Department of
Public Safety, then the Department is required to recommend that
the Legislature make corresponding changes to Hawaii law. Your
Committee further finds that the substances listed in this measure
correspond to several similar changes to the Drug Enforcement
Administration's federally controlled substances schedules. Thus,
this measure eliminates the differences between federal and state
law.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1186, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



