

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1407

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2021**

RE: S.C.R. No. 208  
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.C.R.  
No. 208 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH TO CONVENE A MEDICINAL PSILOCYBIN AND PSILOCIN WORKING  
GROUP TO EXAMINE THE MEDICINAL AND THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS OF  
PSILOCYBIN AND PSILOCIN AND DEVELOP A LONG-TERM STRATEGIC  
PLAN TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINAL PSILOCYBIN AND  
PSILOCIN OR PSILOCYBIN-BASED AND PSILOCIN-BASED PRODUCTS THAT  
ARE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE FOR ELIGIBLE ADULT  
PATIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Health to convene a Medicinal Psilocybin and  
Psilocin Working Group to examine:

- (1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations,  
administrative rules, and procedures regarding the  
medicinal use of psilocybin and psilocin;
- (2) Available medical, psychological, and scientific  
studies, research, and other information relating to the  
safety and efficacy of psilocybin and psilocin in  
treating mental health conditions; and



- (3) Requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a medical professional to prescribe and provide psilocybin and psilocin to patients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Beyond Mental Health; The Clarity Project; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, Inc.; and thirty-one individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that mental health conditions are treated in various ways, depending on the condition, and can include medication, therapy, and psychosocial services. Your Committee further finds that studies conducted by nationally and internationally recognized medical institutions demonstrate that psilocybin and psilocin, which occur naturally in certain species of mushrooms, have shown efficacy, tolerability, and safety in the treatment of a variety of mental health conditions, including addiction, depression, anxiety disorders, and end-of-life psychological distress. This measure requests the Department of Health to convene a working group examine the relevant issues regarding psilocybin and psilocin and, if feasible, to develop a long-term plan to ensure the availability of safe, accessible, and affordable medicinal psilocybin and psilocin in the State.

Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Department of Health, which recommended modifying the proposed members of the working group to enhance its expertise and promote manageability. Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to reflect its amended purpose;
- (2) Removing certain members from the working group;
- (3) Limiting the size of the working group to no more than fifteen members; and
- (4) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 208,



as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 208, S.D. 1.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>

Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Rosalyn H Baker*

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