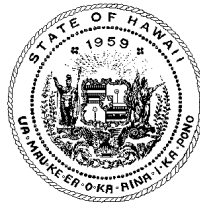


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3136, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports Senate Bill (SB) 3136, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which amends subsection 329-101(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require that a dispenser of a controlled substance report the filling of a controlled substance prescription to the State's Electronic Prescription Accountability System in real time, or report "zero" not less than once every seven days if no controlled substances prescriptions are filled. The Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, or "PDMP", is the State's database for controlled substances prescriptions dispensed to patients. PSD supports SB 3136, SD 1 for several reasons.

First, under current Hawaii law, those required to report the dispensing of controlled substances, such as pharmacists, have a 7-day interval to report the dispensing of a controlled substance to the PDMP. Nationwide, the overwhelming majority of states require "real-time" reporting to the PDMP. Real-time reporting makes the information more timely. It follows, then, that the availability of up-to-date information better supports the prescribing and dispensing decisions of physicians, APRN's, and pharmacists.

Second, the measure's requirement to report "zero" not less than once every seven days if no controlled substances prescriptions are filled will allow the State to determine who is actually not dispensing any controlled substances, and/or who is not complying with the State's requirements to report information to the PDMP. The Legislature has taken strong action to mandate the use and reporting of information to the PDMP in the past. Consequently, such a zero-reporting requirement, as proposed in SB 3136, SD 1, will allow PSD to more effectively enforce the requirements in State law.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.