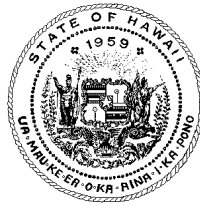


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3141
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 3141, which updates chapter 329 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to incorporate amendments made to the federal Controlled Substances Act that PSD temporarily permitted in Hawaii by the designation of several new controlled substances in 2021. Under section 329-11(d) and (e), HRS, PSD's temporary designation of new controlled substances shall be nullified if the next regular session of the State Legislature has not made the corresponding changes to state law.

Sections 329-11(d) and (e), HRS, provides that if a substance is added, deleted, or rescheduled under federal law, or by an emergency scheduling action taken by PSD, then PSD shall recommend to the Legislature to make the corresponding changes in Hawaii law. In 2021, PSD temporarily designated many new controlled substances, which are listed in SB 3141.

SB 3141 also amends chapter 329, HRS, to mirror recent changes to the federal Controlled Substances Act, thereby eliminating differences between federal and state law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.