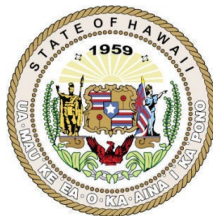


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1396
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT
Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Thursday, February 23, 2023; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016 and Via Videoconference
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 1396, which amends section 4 of Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to make permanent the requirements under section 329-38.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to check the electronic prescription accountability system in certain situations as enumerated.

DLE believes that the requirements of Act 153 of the 2018 Legislature represents good policy that requires that the State's prescription database be reviewed before the prescribing of opioids under certain conditions. That policy was created as part of Hawaii's strong responses to prevent the opioid epidemic from taking a strong hold in our State. Moreover, as we have seen over recent years, the comprehensive efforts to reduce opioid prescriptions in Hawaii have been successful. As the requirements will sunset if not permanently passed into law, DLE respectfully requests its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 1396, which amends section 4 of Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to make permanent the requirements under section 329-38.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to check the electronic prescription accountability system in certain situations as enumerated.

PSD believes that the requirements of Act 153 of the 2018 Legislature represents good policy that requires that the State's prescription database be reviewed before the prescribing of opioids under certain conditions. That policy was created as part of Hawaii's strong responses to prevent the opioid epidemic from taking a strong hold in our State. Moreover, as we have we have seen over recent years, the comprehensive efforts to reduce opioid prescriptions in Hawaii have been successful. As the requirements will sunset if not permanently passed into law, PSD respectfully requests its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.