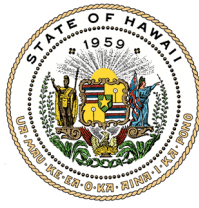


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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1452, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT**

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Testifiers: Jared Redulla

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports Senate Bill 1452, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1, which updates chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to make it consistent with amendments in the Federal Controlled Substances Act as required under section 329-11, HRS.

This measure fulfills the statutory requirement under section 329-11, HRS, which mandates that the state's controlled substances schedules remain consistent with federal law. Maintaining alignment between state and federal controlled substance regulations is essential for effective law enforcement operations, preventing jurisdictional conflicts, and ensuring clarity for healthcare providers, pharmacists, and the public.

Regular updates to chapter 329, HRS, enable the DLE and other law enforcement agencies to properly classify, regulate, and enforce laws regarding substances that have been newly scheduled, rescheduled, or descheduled at the federal level. This

consistency is critical for public health and safety, particularly as new synthetic substances and drug analogs continue to emerge.

The timely adoption of federally controlled substance classifications also facilitates interstate coordination in drug enforcement efforts and ensures that Hawaii's residents and visitors receive consistent information about which substances are controlled and their respective penalties for possession, distribution, or manufacturing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.