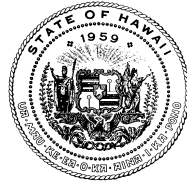


SB 1486 SD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.
Report Title:	Electronic Prescription Accountability System; Disclosure
Description:	Allows the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division Administrator to disclose, at the Administrator's discretion, confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch. (SD1)
Companion:	HB1313
Package:	None
Current Referral:	PSM, CPH
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Testimony in SUPPORT of (SB 1486 SD 1)
RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

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Hearing Date: February 26, 2019 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) **strongly supports** SB 1486.

3 These bills support and enhance the coordinated efforts undertaken by the Department of Public
4 Safety (PSD), Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) and the DOH to implement a balanced
5 and coordinated public safety/public health strategy to address opioid and other substance abuse
6 issues in our state. The bills allow the NED administrator to disclose, at his discretion,
7 confidential information from the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, more
8 commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), to authorized
9 employees of the DOH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) and the Emergency Medical
10 Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch (EMSIPSB).

11 The PDMP is a unique resource that provides a picture of health care opioid prescribing
12 and pharmacy dispensing practices and patterns in Hawaii. Increased access to the prescription
13 database will greatly inform the DOH's Strategic Plan for preventing opioid addiction and
14 overdose.

15 More than 150 Hawaii residents die from drug overdoses each year. Nearly half of these
16 deaths involve prescription opioids. Fatal drug overdose is now the leading cause of injury-
17 related deaths in the state, surpassing those from motor vehicle crashes and falls. Prevention and
18 treatment of this problem are top priorities for the Governor. The Hawaii Opioid Initiative
19 brought together a wide range of legislators, state and county officials, law enforcement and first
20 responders, health care professionals and other citizens to work together to develop and

1 implement a plan to reduce prescription opioid abuse and deaths from overdose. SB 1486 is
2 intended to fulfill one of the objectives of the Hawaii Opioid Action Plan (Plan) developed by
3 the Hawaii Opioid Initiative. The full revised Plan (January 2019) is available at:
4 https://health.hawaii.gov/substance-abuse/files/2019/01/The-Hawaii-Opioid-Initiative_2.pdf.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.