

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 763

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 06 2015**

RE: S.B. No. 1131  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1131, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Update the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), for consistency with amendments to federal law on controlled substances;
- (2) Amend section 329-20, HRS, to add new controlled substances that have been federally scheduled, as required under section 329-11, HRS; and
- (3) Add a new synthetic cathinone and eight new synthetic cannabinoids to section 329-14, HRS.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that this measure amends Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substances Act, codified as chapter 329, HRS, to be consistent with changes in federal law and any emergency scheduling actions taken by the Narcotics Enforcement Division Administrator, as required by section 329-11, HRS. Your Committee further finds that there is a growing problem in the State of new

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synthetic hallucinogenic substances being offered for sale to the public as herbal incense, bath salts, plant food, or legal highs. Numerous adverse effects have been reported from these new synthetic cathinones and synthetic cannabinoids, including seizures, coma, agitation, convulsions, and in some cases, death.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1131, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1131, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1131 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, JDL</b>	Date: <b>3/5/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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