A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 329-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) This section shall not prevent the disclosure, at the discretion of the administrator, of investigative information to:

(1) Law enforcement officers, investigative agents of federal, state, or county law enforcement or regulatory agencies, United States attorneys, county prosecuting attorneys, or the attorney general; provided that the administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that the disclosure of any information collected under this part is in furtherance of an ongoing criminal or regulatory investigation or prosecution;

(2) Registrants authorized under chapters 448, 453, and 463E who are registered to administer, prescribe, or dispense controlled substances and their practitioner
delegate; provided that the information disclosed relates only to the registrant's own patient;

(3) Pharmacists or pharmacist delegates, employed by a pharmacy registered under section 329-32, who request prescription information about a customer relating to a violation or possible violation of this chapter;

(4) Other state-authorized governmental prescription-monitoring programs;

(5) The chief medical examiner or licensed physician designee who requests information and certifies the request is for the purpose of investigating the death of an individual;

(6) Qualified personnel for the purpose of bona fide research or education; provided that data elements that would reasonably identify a specific recipient, prescriber, or dispenser shall be deleted or redacted from the information prior to disclosure; provided further that release of the information may be made only pursuant to a written agreement between qualified personnel and the administrator in order to ensure compliance with this subsection; [and]

(7) Other entities or individuals authorized by the administrator to assist the program with projects that
enhance the electronic prescription accountability system[—]; and

(8) Authorized employees of the State of Hawaii department of health, alcohol and drug abuse division and the emergency medical services and injury prevention system branch.

Information disclosed to a registrant, pharmacist, or authorized government agency under this section shall be transmitted by a secure means determined by the designated agency."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Disclosure of Investigative Information

Description:
Amends section 329-104(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division Administrator to disclose, at his 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.

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MEANS: Amend section 329-104(c), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Proposed amendments to chapter 329 will accomplish the following:

Allow the Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Administrator to disclose, at his 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.

Impact on the public: This bill is intended to protect the public by allowing access to authorized employees of the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, at the discretion of the NED administrator, to obtain and analyze data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to reduce addiction, overdose, and death related to the use of opioids.
Impact on the department and other agencies:
These proposed amendments will aid both the State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health to reduce addiction, overdose, and death related to the use of opioids.

GENERAL FUND: None.
OTHER FUNDS: None.
PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: PSD 502.
OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Health.
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.