
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSILOCYBIN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that studies conducted by
2 nationally- and internationally-recognized medical institutions
3 indicate that psilocybin has shown efficacy, tolerability, and
4 safety in the treatment of a variety of mental health
5 conditions, including addiction, depression, anxiety disorders,
6 and end-of-life psychological distress. Additionally, the
7 United States Food and Drug Administration has determined that
8 preliminary clinical evidence indicates that psilocybin may
9 demonstrate substantial improvement over available therapies for
10 treatment-resistant depression and has granted a "breakthrough
11 therapy" designation for a treatment that uses psilocybin as a
12 therapy for treatment-resistant depression.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish a medicinal
14 psilocybin working group that is tasked with developing a long-
15 term strategic plan to ensure that psilocybin services will
16 become and remain safe, accessible, and affordable therapeutic



1 options for all state residents twenty-one years of age and
2 older for whom psilocybin may be appropriate.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a medicinal
4 psilocybin working group, to be placed in the department of
5 health for administrative purposes.

6 (b) The medicinal psilocybin working group shall examine:

7 (1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and
8 procedures, regarding the medicinal use of psilocybin;

9 (2) Available medical, psychological, and scientific
10 studies, research, and other information relating to
11 the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating
12 mental health conditions; and

13 (3) Requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a
14 medical professional to prescribe and provide
15 psilocybin.

16 (c) The medicinal psilocybin working group shall develop a
17 long-term strategic plan to ensure the availability of medicinal
18 psilocybin or psilocybin-based products that are safe,
19 accessible, and affordable for those twenty-one years of age or
20 older.



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1 (d) The medicinal psilocybin working group shall consist
2 of the following members or their designees:

3 (1) The director of health, who shall serve as chair of
4 the working group;

5 (2) The attorney general;

6 (3) The dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine;

7 (4) The chairs of the senate and house subject matter
8 committees primarily responsible for reviewing
9 legislation relating to health;

10 (5) The chairs of the senate and house subject matter
11 committees primarily responsible for reviewing
12 legislation relating to the judiciary;

13 (6) A physician duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, or advanced practice registered
15 nurse with the authority to prescribe psychotropic
16 medication under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
17 to be invited by the chair of the working group;

18 (7) A psychiatrist duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii
19 Revised Statutes, to be invited by the chair of the
20 working group; and



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1 (8) Any other members with relevant experience relating to
2 the work of the working group.

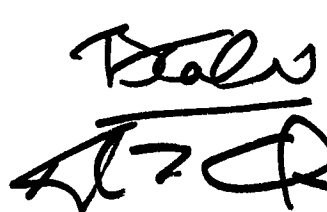
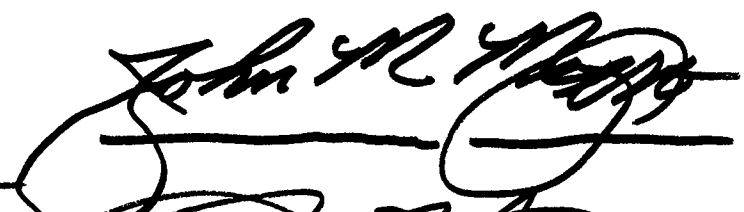


3 (e) The medicinal psilocybin working group shall submit a
4 preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the
5 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
6 the regular session of 2021, and a final report of its findings
7 and recommendation, including any proposed legislation, to the
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the regular session of 2022.

10 (f) The medicinal psilocybin working group shall dissolve
11 on July 1, 2022.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Psilocybin; Working Group; Department of Health

Description:

Establishes temporary Medicinal Psilocybin Working Group.
Requires reports to the Legislature.

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