A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 329-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
2	amended t	o read as follows:			
3	"§32	9-4 Duties of the [commission.] Hawaii advisory			
4	commissio	n on drug abuse and controlled substances. The			
5	(commissi	on Hawaii advisory commission on drug abuse and			
6	controlled substances shall:				
7	[(1)	Act in an advisory capacity to the department of			
8		public safety relating to the scheduling of substances			
9		provided in part II of this chapter, by recommending			
10		the addition, deletion, or rescheduling of all			
11		substances enumerated in part II of this chapter.			
12	(2)	Act in an advisory capacity to the department of			
13		public safety relating to establishment and			
14		maintenance of the classes of controlled substances;			
15		as provided in part II of this chapter.			
16	(3)]	(1) Assist the department of health in coordinating			
17		all action programs of community agencies (state,			

1		county, mi	litary, or private) specifically focused on
2		the proble	em of drug abuse[+];
3	[(4)]	<u>(2)</u> Assis	st the department of health in carrying out
4		educationa	al programs designed to prevent and deter
5		abuse of o	controlled substances[-];
6	[(5)	Encourage	research on abuse of controlled substances.
7		In connect	cion with such research, and in furtherance
8		of the enf	Forcement of this chapter, it may, with the
9		approval c	of the director of health:
10		(A) Estab	olish methods to assess accurately the
11		effec	ets of controlled substances and to identify
12		and c	characterize controlled substances with
13		pote r	tial for abuse;
14		(B) Make	studies and undertake programs of research
15		to:	
16		(i)	Develop new or improved approaches,
17			techniques, systems, equipment, and devices
18			to strengthen the enforcement of this
19			chapter;
20		(ii)	Determine patterns of abuse of controlled
21			substances and the social effects thereof;
22			and

1	(iii) Improve-methods for preventing, predicting,
2	understanding, and dealing with the abuse of
3	controlled substances.
4	(6) Create public awareness and understanding of the
5	problems of drug abuse[-];
6	$[\frac{(7)}{(4)}]$ Sit in an advisory capacity to the governor and
7	other state departments as may be appropriate on
8	matters relating to the commission's work[-]; and
9	$[\frac{(8)}{(5)}]$ Act in an advisory capacity to the director of
10	health in substance abuse matters under chapter 321,
11	part XVI. For the purposes of this paragraph,
12	"substance" shall include alcohol in addition to any
13	drug on schedules I through IV of this chapter and an
14	substance [which] that includes in its composition
15	volatile organic solvents."
16	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
18	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Description:

Amends statutory provisions of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances to provide for more focused attention in addressing the issue of substance abuse as a public health issue. (SB2820 HD2)

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