Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 944

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 944 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) Make chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, consistent with recent amendments in federal law on controlled substances;
- (2) Amend section 329-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to add new controlled substances emergency scheduled by the State:
- (3) Amend section 329-75(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to limit the penalties relating to pseudoephedrine; and
- (4) Make housekeeping amendments to chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety; Police Department, City and County of Honolulu; and Natural Cancer Wellness Foundation.

Your Committee finds that there is a growing problem of synthetic hallucinogenic substances being developed for sale to the public as "herbal incense" or "bath salts" in Hawaii. In the

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in the interest of public health and safety, the Narcotics Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration have placed in schedule the increasing number of synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones, as well as two new anabolic steroids. This measure is necessary to reflect these updates to the controlled substance schedule designations under the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 944, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chai

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 944	Committee Referral: PSM,JDL		["	Date: 3-12-5013	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)					
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		V			
GREEN, Josh		'		·	
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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