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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A BENEFICIAL TREATMENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO REVIEW, EVALUATE, AND RECOMMEND NEW MEDICINAL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, mental health conditions are treated in various
2 ways depending on the condition, including with medication,
3 therapy, and psychosocial services; and
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5 WHEREAS, these treatments are effective for certain
6 conditions and patients but do not treat all mental health
7 conditions; and
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9 WHEREAS, research supports natural and alternative
10 medicines and therapies as safe and effective methods for
11 treating depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction,
12 end-of-life psychological distress, and other afflictions; and
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14 WHEREAS, due to their efficacy in treating treatment-
15 resistant depression and post-traumatic stress disorder,
16 methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) and psilocybin have each
17 been granted breakthrough therapy designation status, which
18 fast-tracks research and potential approval of treatments, by
19 the United States Food and Drug Administration; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
24 Health is requested to establish a Beneficial Treatments
25 Advisory Council; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
28 Advisory Council is requested to examine:
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- 30 (1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations,
31 administrative rules; and procedures regarding
32 medicinal mental health treatments;



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(2) Existing medical, psychological, and scientific studies, research, and information relating to the safety and efficacy of medicinal mental health treatments; and

(3) Requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a medical professional to prescribe and provide various medicinal treatments to patients in jurisdictions where the treatment is used for mental health conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council is requested to develop a long-term strategic plan to ensure the safe, accessible, and affordable availability of therapeutic psilocybin, psilocybin-based products, and MDMA for adults ages twenty-one years old and older; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals, or their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of the Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council:

(1) The Executive Director of the Office of Wellness and Resilience, who is requested to serve as chair;

(2) The Attorney General;

(3) The Chairperson of the State Council on Mental Health;

(4) One physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with prescriptive authority to prescribe and administer psychotropic medication, to be invited by the chair;

(5) One physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with specialties in substance abuse and psychiatry, to be invited by the chair;



- 1 (6) One representative from an organization that advocates
2 for the therapeutic use of plant-based psychedelic
3 modalities, to be invited by the chair;
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- 5 (7) One representative from an accredited research
6 institution that certifies and trains professionals on
7 the use of psychedelic modalities, to be invited by
8 the chair; and
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- 10 (8) Any other person that may be invited by the chair to
11 serve on the working group; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Beneficial
14 Treatments Advisory Council are requested to serve without
15 compensation but with reimbursement for expenses, including
16 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
20 Advisory Council is requested to submit:
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- 22 (1) A preliminary report of its findings and
23 recommendations to the Legislature no later than
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
25 Session of 2024; and
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- 27 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,
28 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature
29 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
30 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
33 Advisory Council is requested to dissolve on July 1, 2025; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
37 Executive Director of the Office of Wellness and Resilience,



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1 Attorney General, and Chairperson of the State Council on Mental
2 Health.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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