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SENATE 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,
23 that the Department of Health is requested to establish a
24 Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
27 Advisory Council is requested to examine:
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29 (1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations,
30 administrative rules, and procedures regarding
31 medicinal mental health treatments;
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33 (2) Existing medical, psychological, and scientific
34 studies, research, and information relating to the



1 safety and efficacy of medicinal mental health
2 treatments; and

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4 (3) Requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a
5 medical professional to prescribe and provide various
6 medicinal treatments to patients in jurisdictions
7 where the treatment is used for mental health
8 conditions; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
11 Advisory Council is requested to develop a long-term strategic
12 plan to ensure the safe, accessible, and affordable availability
13 of therapeutic psilocybin, psilocybin-based products, and MDMA
14 for adults ages twenty-one years old and older; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals, or
17 their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of
18 the Beneficial Treatments Advisory Council:
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- 20 (1) The Executive Director of the Office of Wellness and
21 Resilience, who is requested to serve as chair;
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23 (2) The Attorney General;
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25 (3) The Chairperson of the State Council on Mental Health;
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27 (4) One physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453, Hawaii
28 Revised Statutes, or advanced practice registered
29 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 457, Hawaii Revised
30 Statutes, with prescriptive authority to prescribe and
31 administer psychotropic medication, to be invited by
32 the chair;
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34 (5) One physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453, Hawaii
35 Revised Statutes, with specialties in substance abuse
36 and psychiatry, to be invited by the chair;
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38 (6) One representative from an organization that advocates
39 for the therapeutic use of plant-based psychedelic
40 modalities, to be invited by the chair;
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- 1 (7) One representative from an accredited research
- 2 institution that certifies and trains professionals on
- 3 the use of psychedelic modalities, to be invited by
- 4 the chair; and
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- 6 (8) Any other person that may be invited by the chair to
- 7 serve on the working group; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Beneficial
 10 Treatments Advisory Council are requested to serve without
 11 compensation but with reimbursement for expenses, including
 12 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties;
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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
 16 Advisory Council is requested to submit:

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- 18 (1) A preliminary report of its findings and
- 19 recommendations to the Legislature no later than
- 20 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
- 21 Session of 2024; and
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- 23 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,
- 24 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature
- 25 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 26 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beneficial Treatments
 29 Advisory Council is requested to dissolve on July 1, 2025; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Executive
 33 Director of the Office of Wellness and Resilience, Attorney
 34 General, and Chairperson of the State Council on Mental Health.

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