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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A THERAPEUTIC  
PSILOCYBIN WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE MEDICINAL AND  
THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS OF PSILOCYBIN AND DEVELOP A LONG-TERM  
STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINAL  
PSILOCYBIN OR PSILOCYBIN-BASED PRODUCTS THAT ARE SAFE,  
ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE FOR ELIGIBLE ADULT PATIENTS.

1           WHEREAS, mental health conditions are treated in various  
2 ways depending on the condition and can include medication,  
3 therapy, and psychosocial services; and  
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5           WHEREAS, these treatments, while effective for certain  
6 conditions and patients, do not treat all mental health  
7 conditions; and  
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9           WHEREAS, psilocybin is a naturally-occurring chemical  
10 compound found in certain species of mushrooms; and  
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12           WHEREAS, psilocybin can activate serotonin receptors in the  
13 brain; and  
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15           WHEREAS, studies conducted by nationally and  
16 internationally recognized medical institutions indicate that  
17 psilocybin has shown efficacy, tolerability, and safety in the  
18 treatment of a variety of mental health conditions, including  
19 addiction, depression, anxiety disorders, and end-of-life  
20 psychological distress; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration has  
23 determined that preliminary clinical evidence indicates that  
24 psilocybin may demonstrate substantial improvement over  
25 available therapies for treatment-resistant depression and has  
26 granted a breakthrough therapy designation for a treatment that  
27 uses psilocybin as a therapy for treatment-resistant depression;  
28 and  
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1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has a shortage of mental health  
2 professionals, and should actively consider novel, innovative,  
3 and safe solutions to treat its citizens; now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
8 Health is requested to convene a Therapeutic Psilocybin Working  
9 Group, to be placed within the Department of Health for  
10 administrative purposes; and

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12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Therapeutic Psilocybin  
13 Working Group is requested to examine:

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15           (1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations,  
16 administrative rules, and procedures regarding the  
17 therapeutic use of psilocybin;  
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19           (2) Available medical, psychological, and scientific  
20 studies, research, and other information relating to  
21 the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating  
22 mental health conditions; and  
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24           (3) The requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a  
25 medical professional to prescribe and provide  
26 psilocybin to patients in jurisdictions where  
27 psilocybin is approved to treat mental health  
28 conditions; and  
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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Therapeutic Psilocybin  
31 Working Group is requested to develop a long-term strategic plan  
32 to ensure the availability of therapeutic psilocybin or  
33 psilocybin-based products that are safe, accessible, and  
34 affordable for adults twenty-one years of age or older; and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals, or  
37 their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of  
38 the Therapeutic Psilocybin Working Group:

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40           (1) The Director of Health, who is requested to serve as  
41 chairperson of the working group;  
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- 1           (2) The Attorney General;
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- 3           (3) The Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine at
- 4           the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
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- 6           (4) The chairpersons of the Senate and House of
- 7           Representatives standing committees whose subject
- 8           matter purview is primarily responsible for reviewing
- 9           legislation relating to health and the Judiciary;
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- 11          (5) The chairperson of the Hawaii State Council on Mental
- 12          Health;
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- 14          (6) A physician duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii
- 15          Revised Statutes, or advanced practice registered
- 16          nurse with the authority to prescribe psychotropic
- 17          medication and duly licensed under chapter 457, Hawaii
- 18          Revised Statutes, to be invited by the chairperson of
- 19          the working group; and
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- 21          (7) A psychiatrist duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii
- 22          Revised Statutes, to be invited by the chairperson of
- 23          the working group; and
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the  
26 Therapeutic Psilocybin Working Group may invite other interested  
27 parties with relevant experience to join the working group; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Therapeutic Psilocybin  
30 Working Group is requested to submit:

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- 32          (1) A preliminary report of its findings and
- 33          recommendations to the Legislature no later than
- 34          twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
- 35          Session of 2023; and
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- 37          (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,
- 38          including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature
- 39          no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 40          the Regular Session of 2024; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Therapeutic Psilocybin  
2 Working Group be dissolved on July 1, 2024; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
6 Attorney General, and Dean of the John A. Burns School of  
7 Medicine.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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