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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSILOCYBIN.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that studies conducted by  
2 nationally- and internationally-recognized medical institutions  
3 indicate that psilocybin has shown efficacy, tolerability, and  
4 safety in the treatment of a variety of mental health  
5 conditions, including addiction, depression, anxiety disorders,  
6 and end-of-life psychological distress. Additionally, the  
7 United States Food and Drug Administration has determined that  
8 preliminary clinical evidence indicates that psilocybin may  
9 demonstrate substantial improvement over available therapies for  
10 treatment-resistant depression and has granted a "breakthrough  
11 therapy" designation for a treatment that uses psilocybin as a  
12 therapy for treatment-resistant depression.

13       The purpose of this Act is to establish a medicinal  
14 psilocybin advisory board that is tasked with developing a long-  
15 term strategic plan to ensure that psilocybin services will  
16 become and remain safe, accessible, and affordable therapeutic



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options for all state residents twenty-one years of age and older for whom psilocybin may be appropriate.

SECTION 2. (a) There is established a medicinal psilocybin advisory board, to be placed in the department of health for administrative purposes.

(b) The medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall examine:

(1) Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and procedures, regarding the medicinal use of psilocybin;

(2) Available medical, psychological, and scientific studies, research, and other information relating to the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating mental health conditions; and

(3) Requirements, specifications, and guidelines for a medical professional to prescribe and provide psilocybin.

(c) The medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall develop a long-term strategic plan to ensure the availability of medicinal psilocybin or psilocybin-based products that are safe, accessible, and affordable for those twenty-one years of age or older.



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(d) The medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall consist of the following members or their designees:

(1) The director of health, who shall serve as chair of the advisory board;

(2) The attorney general;

(3) The dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine;

(4) The chairs of the senate and house subject matter committees primarily responsible for reviewing legislation relating to health;

(5) The chairs of the senate and house subject matter committees primarily responsible for reviewing legislation relating to the judiciary;

(6) A physician duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or advanced practice registered nurse with the authority to prescribe psychotropic medication under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be invited by the chair of the advisory board;

(7) A psychiatrist duly licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be invited by the chair of the advisory board; and



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(8) Any other members with relevant experience relating to the work of the advisory board.

(e) The members of the medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

(f) The medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021, and a final report of its findings and recommendation, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022.

(g) The medicinal psilocybin advisory board shall dissolve on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Report Title:**

Psilocybin; Advisory Board; Department of Health

**Description:**

Establishes temporary Medicinal Psilocybin Advisory Board.  
Requires reports to the Legislature.

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