
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAUI COUNTY MAYOR AND COUNTY COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT
VARIOUS MEASURES REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE COUNTY
OF MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notes that
2 marijuana has viable and effective medicinal attributes and
3 provides that medical marijuana certificate cardholders are
4 permitted to acquire, cultivate, and possess an "adequate
5 supply" of their medicine, however, the law is not clear on how
6 a patient is to acquire their medicine without going to the
7 illegal and unregulated criminal market; and
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9 WHEREAS, sending patients to the dangerous criminal market
10 to acquire their medicine is not in the interest of the public
11 safety or the State of Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse provides a
14 standard dose of useable marijuana to patients in the
15 Compassionate Investigational New Drug research program, and the
16 federal government has established that a medical marijuana
17 patient's adequate supply is 6.63 pounds per year; and
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19 WHEREAS, over 90 percent of the legal medical marijuana
20 cardholders of Maui County cannot meet their own medical needs
21 because of theft, bugs, mold, and reliance on an unethical,
22 unregulated, illegal black market; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Maui County family farmers (agriculturally-
25 zoned landowners) are able to supply the medical needs of the
26 community; and
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28 WHEREAS, criminal theft and eradication under color of
29 state law of medical marijuana plants remains one of the biggest
30 problems for medical marijuana patients; and
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1 WHEREAS, Maui County needs a cash crop to be able to keep
2 the family farmer on the land and the revenue from licensing and
3 taxing the lease of secured land for the growth of individual
4 medical marijuana patients would help fund vital Maui County
5 services; and
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7 WHEREAS, it is the hope of many people of Maui that federal
8 law reform will eliminate the problems and costs caused by the
9 prohibition of the marijuana plant, which has created far
10 greater problems than those attributed to the plant itself; and
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12 WHEREAS, the County of Maui has been, and remains
13 absolutely committed to the protection of civil rights and civil
14 liberties for all of its residents and has affirmed its
15 commitment to embody democracy and to embrace, defend, and
16 uphold the inalienable rights and fundamental liberties granted
17 by the United State's Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the
18 Hawaii State Constitution, and the Maui County Charter; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor and the
24 County Council of Maui are strongly urged to implement various
25 measures regarding medical marijuana including:
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- 27 (1) Developing a Maui County Family Farmer Medical
28 Marijuana Regulation and Revenue Program to tax,
29 regulate and provide safe access to medical marijuana
30 that would:
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- 32 (A) License qualified family farmers in designated
33 agricultural zones to accommodate up to 200
34 qualifying patients in a secure location;
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 - 36 (B) Create an allotment system allowing
37 agriculturally-zoned family farmers on the Island
38 of Maui to supply the medical marijuana needs of
39 Maui by securing and leasing out plots of land to
40 individual patients in which money will only be
41 exchanged over the land lease and requiring a
42 five-year organic farm plan based on at least two
43 organic crops, the first of which should be
44 medical marijuana and the second of which should



1 be another organic crop to be determined by the
2 State Department of Agriculture; and

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4 (C) Create a community oversight committee to
5 administer implementation of the program,
6 promulgate rules, investigate and discuss
7 procedures to obtain licenses, focus on growing
8 standards, and develop a legal distribution
9 system, and request guidance from the
10 Legislature as needed; and

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12 (2) Advocating for legislative change to further legalize
13 medical use of marijuana at the State and the federal
14 levels; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of
17 Public Safety or designee, Director of Health or designee,
18 Director of the Department of Agriculture or designee be part of
19 the Community Oversight Committee; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Maui County
23 and Chairperson of the Maui County Council.

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