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## HOUSE 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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32           WHEREAS, Maui County needs a cash crop to be able to keep  
33 the family farmer on the land and the revenue from licensing and  
34 taxing the lease of secured land for the growth of individual



1 medical marijuana patients would help fund vital Maui County  
2 services; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is the hope of many people of Maui that federal  
5 law reform will eliminate the problems and costs caused by the  
6 prohibition of the marijuana plant, which has created far  
7 greater problems than those attributed to the plant itself; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the County of Maui has been, and remains  
10 absolutely committed to the protection of civil rights and civil  
11 liberties for all of its residents and has affirmed its  
12 commitment to embody democracy and to embrace, defend, and  
13 uphold the inalienable rights and fundamental liberties granted  
14 by the United State's Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the  
15 Hawaii State Constitution, and the Maui County Charter; now,  
16 therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2008, that the Mayor and the County Council of Maui  
21 are strongly urged to implement various measures regarding  
22 medical marijuana including:  
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24 (1) Developing a Maui County Family Farmer Medical  
25 Marijuana Regulation and Revenue Program to tax,  
26 regulate and provide safe access to medical marijuana  
27 that would:  
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29 (A) License qualified family farmers in designated  
30 agricultural zones to accommodate up to 200  
31 qualifying patients in a secure location;  
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33 (B) Create an allotment system allowing  
34 agriculturally-zoned family farmers on the Island  
35 of Maui to supply the medical marijuana needs of  
36 Maui by securing and leasing out plots of land to  
37 individual patients in which money will only be  
38 exchanged over the land lease and requiring a  
39 five-year organic farm plan based on at least two  
40 organic crops, the first of which should be  
41 medical marijuana and the second of which should  
42 be another organic crop to be determined by the  
43 State Department of Agriculture; and  
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1 (C) Create a community oversight committee to  
2 administer implementation of the program,  
3 promulgate rules, investigate and discuss  
4 procedures to obtain licenses, focus on growing  
5 standards, and develop a legal distribution  
6 system, and request guidance from the  
7 Legislature as needed; and  
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9 (2) Advocating for legislative change to further legalize  
10 medical use of marijuana at the State and the federal  
11 levels; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of  
14 Public Safety or designee, Director of Health or designee,  
15 Director of the Department of Agriculture or designee be part of  
16 the Community Oversight Committee; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Maui County and  
20 Chairperson of the Maui County Council.  
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