
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the University
2 of Hawaii for administrative purposes a medical marijuana task
3 force. The college of tropical agriculture and human resources
4 shall be responsible for administering the work of the medical
5 marijuana task force, providing a facilitator, and submitting a
6 report to the legislature. The goals of the task force shall be
7 to:

8 (1) Examine current laws regarding the adequate supply of
9 marijuana for medical use to ensure sufficient amounts
10 of medication for a qualified patient's needs,
11 including any implications of removing the distinction
12 between mature and immature plants;

13 (2) Study the feasibility of developing safe growing
14 facilities on each of the islands of Hawaii, Kauai,
15 Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu for qualified patients
16 with written certification to grow medical marijuana
17 for their medical use;



- 1 (3) Seek possible solutions to challenges faced by
2 qualified patients with written certification when
3 faced with inter-island travel, resulting from
4 statutory prohibitions, including federal law that
5 prohibits travel with medical marijuana;
- 6 (4) Examine all issues and obstacles that qualifying
7 patients have encountered in the application of the
8 medical marijuana program; and
- 9 (5) Research advances made by other states regarding
10 medical marijuana laws and programs.
- 11 (b) The members of the medical marijuana task force shall
12 consist of eleven members as follows:
- 13 (1) The director of public safety or the director's
14 designee;
- 15 (2) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 16 (3) The director of transportation or the director's
17 designee;
- 18 (4) The attorney general or the attorney general's
19 designee;
- 20 (5) Three members of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii as
21 designated by the chairperson of the Drug Policy Forum
22 of Hawaii;



- 1 (6) Three patient advocates to be appointed as follows:
- 2 (A) One appointed by the governor;
- 3 (B) One appointed by the president of the senate; and
- 4 (C) One appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 5 representatives; and
- 6 (7) A prescribing physician as designated by the board of
- 7 medical examiners established under chapter 453,
- 8 Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 9 (c) The medical marijuana task force shall submit a report
- 10 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
- 11 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 12 the 2009 regular session.
- 13 (d) The medical marijuana task force shall cease to exist
- 14 on June 30, 2009.
- 15 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Medical Marijuana; Task Force

Description:

Creates the medical marijuana task force to examine issues regarding adequate supplies of medical marijuana for qualified patients, distinguishing between mature and immature plants under current law, the feasibility of constructing secure growing facilities for medical marijuana patients to use to produce their medicine, and study inter-island travel issues related to medical marijuana. (SD1)

