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House Committee on Health

H.B. 2678, RELATING TO MARIJUANA

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

February 1, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly opposes this bill, which amends
2 Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and appropriates funds for the establishment of a secure
3 growing facility for the production of medical marijuana. Enactment of this measure will adversely
4 impact our priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget. We defer to the Department of Public
5 Safety and county law enforcement agencies on amendments within their purview.

6 **Fiscal Implications:** \$1,000,000 of General Funds, to be expended by the DOH in Fiscal Year
7 2008-2009.

8 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to amend Chapter 329, HRS, by adding a
9 section to Chapter 329, HRS, to require the DOH to: (1) develop and implement a secure growing
10 facility on Maui for a certified facilitator to grow marijuana which will be made available to qualifying
11 patients or primary caregivers; (2) lease plots to qualifying patients within the facility for cultivation of
12 marijuana plants by a certified facilitator; and (3) employ a certified facilitator to assist patients who
13 have a leased plot, provided that prospective certified facilitators shall submit a 5-year organic farm plan
14 based on no fewer than two organic crops to qualify to use the secured space. This measure also

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1 authorizes the DOH to contract with a certified facilitator pursuant to Chapter 103D, HRS; and requires
2 the DOH to establish procedures and develop rules to allow patients or their caregivers to access the
3 supply of marijuana.

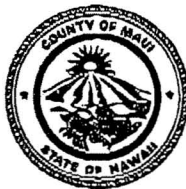
4 As part of our public health mission, the DOH dispenses medications in State-operated facilities
5 and clinics. These medications are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and are
6 distributed through established firms. This proposal extends well beyond the public health function of
7 assuring the availability and accessibility of services as the Department would also be charged with the
8 operation of a secure facility to cultivate and distribute marijuana, which is a Schedule I substance under
9 the federal Controlled Substances Act. (Schedule I drugs are classified as having a high potential for
10 abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety
11 for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.)

12 We respectfully recommend that this measure be held.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF BENJAMIN M. ACOB,
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,
IN OPPOSITION OF H.B. NO. 2678
RELATING TO MARIJUANA

The Honorable Chairpersons and Committee Members:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui opposes H.B. 2678 Relating to Marijuana.

First, the proposed "growing facility" would violate federal law. Currently, the State of Hawaii allows certain qualified individuals to possess and cultivate marijuana for medicinal use. This is inconsistent with federal law.

Second, our Department has serious concerns over whether or not the proposed facility would be adequately secured to deter any theft of the marijuana plants. Apparently, the Bill places responsibility with the already short-staffed Maui Police Department to monitor security cameras, motion detectors, etc.

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, our Department opposes H.B. 2678. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(H.B. 2678, Relating to Marijuana)

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January 31, 2008

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
And Members of the
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 2678, RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA; SECURE
GROWING FACILITY

I am Thomas M. PHILLIPS, Chief of Police of the Maui County Police Department. I am taking this opportunity to submit written testimony expressing my profound opposition to the passage of H.B. 2678, proposing a secure marijuana growing facility on the island of Maui. I believe that other law enforcement entities throughout the State of Hawaii will also oppose these bills along with the Law Enforcement Coalition (LEC).

The value of medicinal marijuana is suspect at best, and debatable in scientific circles. The United States Supreme Court does not recognize medical marijuana, and marijuana is still considered a controlled substance under Federal and Hawaii State law. Thus, it is still a federal crime to possess and distribute marijuana whether it is for medicinal, profit, or recreational purposes.

If such a bill is passed, the State of Hawaii would be legally and civilly liable for breaking federal law. In other words, the persons (Department of Health personnel) operating the facility would be subject to arrest under federal law, and the facility and property it occupies would be subject to forfeiture proceedings.

The State would also need to obtain a federal permit to possess controlled substances from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and a state permit from the state Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED). It is highly probable that the DEA and NED wouldn't approve such a permit, due to the fact that the federal government doesn't recognize medicinal marijuana, and both the DEA and NED don't issue permits to dispense or distribute medical marijuana.

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According to the bill, the State Department of Health would be charged with establishing procedures and developing rules to allow qualified patients or their primary care givers to access the supply of medical marijuana that is being grown. There are no sanctions for breaking the procedures and rules, thus, creating the catastrophic potential for abuse, and trafficking the marijuana for profit. The State Department of Health also doesn't have any criminal arrest and enforcement powers to deal with this issue.

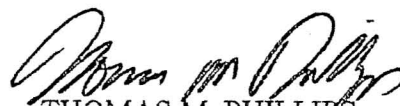
The bill also states that there should be security cameras for the facility that is satellite linked to a local police station. The Maui Police Department is the only local police department on the island, and we wouldn't wish to partake in, nor support, an operation that is not in compliance with federal law. We would be breaking federal law, and could be sanctioned both criminally and civilly as well. We also do not believe in supporting medicinal marijuana in its entirety.

There is also the potential for more violence and property thefts that has recently occurred on the island of Maui involving growing and distributing marijuana. If this bill is passed, there is an immense potential for abuse of the illicit marijuana, by people trying to legalize it, and those trying to make a profit by selling and distributing it.

Marijuana has been determined to be the gateway drug. It is no wonder that we consistently rank in the top seven states in the nation in regards to marijuana plants eradicated, and consequently have one of the worst crystal methamphetamine problems in the nation. Maui County and the State of Hawaii doesn't need more marijuana related crimes, and more people addicted to marijuana.

I strongly urge for your favorable support of opposing House Bill 2678. Passage of this bill will considerably enhance the potential for marijuana abuse, thefts relating to marijuana, and violence relating to marijuana. We need to protect our communities from these harms, and build a prosperous and safe community for our future generations.

Very truly yours,


THOMAS M. PHILLIPS
Chief of Police

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To: House Committee on Health and
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Executive Director

RE: HB 2678 Relating to Marijuana
Friday, February 1, 1008, 8:00 a.m., Room 329

Position: Support

Good morning, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i supports HB 2678 which would allow the establishment of a secure growing facility for the production of medical marijuana for not more than fourteen qualified patients,

This proposal addresses one of the main issues of our medical marijuana program: how to ensure that a patient has an adequate and consistent supply of medical marijuana.

Hawaii's medical marijuana program allows patients to grow their own medicine, however, patients often complain that the plants are not that easy to grow to maturity; they don't feel safe growing marijuana on their lanais; do not have the space to grow an adequate supply; or they are too sick to give the plants the regular care that is needed.

Patients who register with the medical marijuana program want to be law-abiding citizens. They do not want to go to the criminal market to purchase marijuana and do not want to add to the profits of criminals.

This proposal would help create a legal source of medical marijuana for fourteen patients. It is important to provide this type of alternative for medical marijuana patients. Please pass this bill.

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May Mizuno

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 12:12 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2678 Testimony

HB 2678 Testimony

1. Health Committee: Chair - Rep. Josh Green, Vice-chair - Rep. John Mizuno
2. Date of Hearing: 2/1/07
3. Time of Hearing:
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Aloha Council Member,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawaii's medical marijuana program.

The most critical issue facing Hawaii medical marijuana patients is the safe and legal acquisition of medicine. Theft, armed robbery, and helicopter eradication programs continually threaten patients.

The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends, but patients have no choice but to acquire from an unregulated and unethical black market.

It is not in the interest of Hawaii's public health to force patients into the black market.

An important question is:

How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends?

In this case, there is not enough time for the patient to grow, harvest and cure the medicine that will help with nausea during immediate chemotherapy treatments, and any stress from buying medicine from drug dealers will not help the health of the patient.

Because of conflicts with federal law, Hawaii does not provide for a legal means of supplying marijuana. Allowing patients to form collective and co-operative operations will help individual patients to have their needs met immediately. By employing a certified facilitator, it will ensure that patients will have access to the right strains of medical marijuana most suitable for their ailment.

According to the Hawaii Revised Statutes, a medical marijuana patient must control (through lease or ownership) the area of his or her grow site.

By creating this model allotment system on the island of Maui, agriculturally zoned family farms will be able to secure and lease individual plots of land to individual patients.

This plan will not violate state or federal law. There will be no distribution of marijuana. Money will only be exchanged over the land lease in the secure facility.

The State of Hawaii has had its medical marijuana program in place for eight years and it is time to rectify some of the problematic aspects of the law.

For the majority of Hawaii's medical marijuana patients, it is extremely difficult to consistently grow medical-grade marijuana to continuously meet their needs. Theft, mold, bug infestation, disease, lacking knowledge of successful growing and curing techniques and time consuming trial and error are just a few of the issues patients face.

Allowing patients to grow together in a secure location with access to a knowledgeable

facilitator will make it easier and safer for patients and law enforcement. There will be no need for marijuana eradication helicopters to fly low over backyard medical marijuana grow sites.

Once again, I urge you to vote “yes” on HB 2678.

Sincerely,

Liz O'Garvey

"The life I value is one that is connected to all things." Willie Nelson

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May Mizuno

From: Brian Murphy [mccfdia@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 12:29 PM
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Subject: Testimony for Health Committee; HB 2678 on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am

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way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

Mahalo
Enoch Kealoha

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Mahalo
Andrew VonSonn, Esquire

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William Cole

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How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends? As a health care professional I can vouch for the importance of the medical use of marijuana and safe access for patients who otherwise suffer needless side effects from treatments such as chemotherapy.

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Sincerely,

Carly Wescott, Austin Texas

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My name is Carmileta Kay Spellman. I have a debilitating condition that requires that I use either narcotics or medical marijuana. The side effects of the narcotics are untenable, they cause numerous negative side effects and I can't afford to pay for them either as narcotics are cost prohibitive and the side affects by far exceed the benefit.

It would benefit me greatly if I could be in a collective enviroment of growers where we could watch one anothers product so that it isn't stolen or damaged. Additionally, it would benefit me greatly to have access to a medicine that I can afford that is more affective than any thing the pharmacuedical companies can provide me. I am a law abiding citizen and don't want to be forced to go out to the "black market" to procur medicine that may have harmful chemicals or in th worst scenario get raped and robbed in the pursuit of obtaining my medicine.

Please consider the reasonableness of HB 2678 and support this resolution as it is a very positive approach to developing a Maui County Family Farmer Medical Regulation And Revenue Program to tax and regulate the sale of medical marijuana for adult use. I implore you to implement this resolution to the betterment of the residents of Maui, Hawaii.

Very Truly Yours,

Carmileta K. Spellman
MJ09694

Two years ago,I received a head and neck injury. The head injury got better, but my neck continued to give me shooting pains. I went to chiropractors, sports medicine providers, nothing would alleviate the pain .
As well as traditional doctors. The problem I was having was the medicine that was prescribed would not allow to function with a clear head. I then heard about Medical Marijuana. The mediical marijuana that was provided to me was just what I need to alleviate the pain and still have a clear during normal work hours. Unfortunately, where I live I am unable to grow my own medicine. I feel that a community medical marijuana patient's operation woill provides a consistant product and a service to the community and myself inparticular.

Davis Morgan
Registration #: MJ07942

I have ben inquiring about medical marijuana for my nausea, since I take very stong medication due to my illness. It is ridiculous that if controled, like any medicine, medical marijuana should be available for patients that need it. This is an organtic medicine that should be allowed to patients that need it and I am sure that harder drugs that do not help people should be more restricted.
Sincerely,

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Lenora Candelaria
Registration # MJ10401

At the age of 20 I was struck with a condition called highland membran disorder and uper GI disorder and PWTprovides the ONLY legal way to receive medicinal marijuana. The only other way to obtain my medication is on the street, which is a dangerous prospect, which I don't want to revisit.

Wiliam Cole # MJ09274

I had both my hips replaced in my early 30s and suffer from other bone/joint complications. I have recieved a medical marijuana card through my physcian several years ago. I would like to request to able to grow more than 7 plants as it is unalbe to suffice my needs due toproblems with growing and cultivating.

Thank you,
Mark Coleman
MJ06302

I have 3 herniated discs in my lower back, I live in a place where the land owner will not allow me to grow my medicine, rendering me dependent upon other sources for my medicine, often running out & enduring pain. The skill required to grow a plant needs a community effort, & for those of us who cannot bend & reach, it sure makes the process a lot better. Please suppourt this resolution so that those of us disabled might find relief.

sincerely positive,
Kanaan : MK08439

I was in an accident two years ago and have had severe back and neck pain everyday since. i'm also allergic to narcotic painkillers so medical marijuana is the only effective treatment i've found. if this organization didn't take care of my needs i would be forced to pursue black market sources which can be very dangerous. please consider changing these laws so we collectively take care of each other.

thank you
p. blanchard
405-17-4189

To whom it may concern the existing situation of obtaining marijuana is very difficult. While not having means, a place to aquire an adequate supply of marijuana for my needs put me in a situation where I need to use some form of a black market to aquire my medicines. There must be some program implemented or make the legislative changes to improve the law's concerning marijuana use for medical purposes.

Keola B. Gruep (MJ10269)

To whom it may concern,

I live on Maui, and I cannot find godd plants to grow except from illegal sources. This resolution would be a good,

Thank you,

Ernst Poln (MJ08289)

Dear Sirs,

With the existing situation, any additional resources, i.e. medical marijuana, to alleviate the pain and discomfort in my condition would be greatly appreciated. "The more

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the better for all of us". Mahola. Again, any way to increase the availability legally, would be appreciated. A collective form on Maui would make it so much easier for everyone. And possibly cheaper! Therefore, reducing the black market influence.

As a patient with RSD, I have severe chronic pain and nausea 24/7. There as been nothing that has helped me as much as the recommended use of medical marijuana by my pain doctor. If it was not for P.W.T, I would not be able to aquire my needed medical marijuana. I would have to resort to trying to find other means through "street sources", and that is never good.

D. Kaye (MJ09825)

Aloha,

If we must tax our marijana so that more patient that need this herb to help them throughout the day, than it is all for the best.

Besides its medicinal values, it has a lot more uses & reasons why it should be taxed or in order to make it more available.

Earl M. (MJ09126)

I have been a medical marijuana patients for about 3 years now. I find it highly beneficial towards allowing me to gain the appropriate medicinal marijuana that I so desperately need. Especially, by being able to legally grow my own, which I am unable to produce enough medicine because of my environment.

Rick (MJ08118)

Right now it's impossible to have enough product. You just can't do it with4 mature plants. You already facing insects, disease, and rip-offs. I just can't grow enough as a caregiver. I need to be allowed to grow more plants.

Aloha,

John H. Ikislea (MJ 07417)

I am a medical marijuana patient. I live in a condominium complex, where the growing of my own marijuana is, simply, impossible. I rely on whatever sources I can find to purchase my medicine. Basically, I have to rely on the blackmarket, which is not always available and does not always provide the quality I would like. To me, it is absolutely inlogical for the state to recognize the value of medical marijuana and yet leave the obtaining of it up to the black market. The Family Framer Medicial Marijuana Regulation and Revenue Program answers the need. Not only will it provide a much needed service, but it will obtain revenue for the county as well. And for me, it will mean that I would have a consistant source of good medicine.

Andy (MJ08413)

I believe we should tax and legalize marijuana, so we can also do collective growing to make it better for all patients. The present way is too difficult & humiliating for all involved. Doctors, patients & police.

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Dan Grivit (H00255479)

To whom it may concern,

As a medical marijuana user, I am in agreement with this movement. I am not able to grow my own medicine since I live in a condo. The condo will not allow me to have plants on my lawn, even if I could. I'm on the 1st floor and I'm sure someone would steal it anyways. I am definately in need of a place that is safe to grow. Being a 52 year old female, purchasing my medicine on the Blackmarket is not safe. And I need to be. Stress only adds to my medical problems, which is why I need to have these laws passed. Purchasers on the Blackmarket stress me out.

Mona R. Cherry (MJ07130)

Aloha,

I am a medical marijuana patient, yet I don't have the ability to succesfully create / grow my personal medication due to lack of space, time, and unfortunately green thumbs! I am very grateful for the opportunity to legally utilize marijuana for pain, but I would very much appreciate amendmets made to the current laws (I support HCR 10). That would eliminate many obstacles for obtaining an adequate supply safely.

Mahalo,

Riki Impow (MJ10050)

3/22/2007

To whom it may concern:

Since October 31, 2007, I have had a medical marijuana card. I appreciate the state benefit to grow my own in order to tolerate the pain I must endure. Unfortunately, I am homeless and unable to grow my own plants. I must buy pot from the medical marijuana club in Paia.

What I would like to see is a collective farm where we can grow and share our herb with others, and with the option to sell it to some organization that is set up to tax and regulate income. It would be a win-win for the state and all its patients.

Sincerely,

Frank Rich (MJ09688)

To whom it may concern.

I am writing today to urge your support for House Resolution (HCR10). I am a medical marijanauser. I use marijuana to help with severe nausea due to pain meds I need to take. Without marijuana I will suffer and be unable to work. The small amount of plants I am allowed to grow are hard to bring to harvest and I am still having to seek other means to secure what I need. I have 2 acres of land, and could grow for others as well as myself. We need to change this law which only half meets our needs - Please support this measure -

Dawn Paseo (H00204318)

I am disguised with the fact that I am a medical marijuana patient for 10 years now, not having land to grow, possesses difficulties. I am not going to put myself in an illegal

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position and buy on the street, Black Market.

Alan Lipson (MJ05646)

I find that the fact the people that have Blue Cards legally and still have to rely on the Blackmarket to obtain the medicine, that is so badly needed for real medical conditions, still run the risks of arrest and rip-offs!
This is diplorable.

Desburn Morris, (caregiver for Alan Lipson)

3-18-07

My concern is with my children. The way the law exists in order to use my meds (i.e. marijuana). I have to lie to my children. I believe in law and order and teach my children to respect the same. In order to get relief from my pain, I lie, hide and act. Also I risk my life in trying to buy meds from dealers who sell other things that are dangerous to the public.

Thomas Ross (E1008835)

3-18-07

My problem with the current law is the price of meds i.e. marijuana. If it was legal the State or fed could tax and regulate the protection and sale there by taking out of closet and making this harmless, only positive will come from this.

Steven B. Ross (E1009887)

3-23-07

To State Legislative

I vote to tax, regulate, and grow collectively marijuana in the State of Hawaii. My father has Glaucoma and this is what helps to keep his Glaucoma in check. Please make this medicine legal / available, etc.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Wood on behalf of William Seagers (MJ07314)

3-22-07

My name is William Manhard, and I am a medical marijuana patient. I have a back condition that is not surgical treatable. I can't get continuous medication without having a place to acquire my medication. I have currently been taking almost 5-6 difficult narcotics with various bad sick effects. I only have had the Black Market to obtain my medication. Please consider legalizing marijuana (medical marijuana) in Hawaii.

Thank you,

William Manhard (MJ09587)

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I, karen Inskip, find it intolerable that we must seek illegal ways to obtain relief from pain by using marijuna. I am one of the fortunate ones that I live in a place where it is approved and understood. I suffer from chronic pain due to deteriorating joint cartridge. Medical marijuana makes it so I can live day to day and sleep with added ease at night. Please approve the use of medical marijuana state-wide. We need a place to grow our marijuana.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Inskip
(Blue card pending, phone number, 250 4200)

Aloha, my name is Dawn (Sunshine). And I am a chronic pain patient and was introduced to medicinal marijuana and it works for me, like other patients. Doctors give me pain killers that do not work at all. But medicinal marijuana does help me. And at least I'm not addicted to marijuana. Like I was addicted to painkillers. So make marijuana legal for medicinal use. And stop the madness and the blackmarket!

Mahalo,

Marijuana believer, (Member ID no. 7091)

My landlord does not allow me to grow my own medical marijuana plants nor can I find a suitable caregiver to grow for me. It would be beneficial for me if my medical marijuana plants can be grown collectively so that I am guaranteed of a continuous supply of my medicine.

Terry Bates (MJ07679)

To whom it may concern:

It is my concern that due to the poor availability of our much needed hemp products, the costs are astronomical after all of our other necessities, it puts the product out of our reach please get more involved to bring our cost down.

Kim Pfirrmann (H01015722)

I am currently unable to produce enough medication for myself under current restrictions and I am forced to purchase my medication from time-to-time, which creates a financial hardship. I am able to grow my own, however, under current restrictions, 3 mature plants do not always provide a sufficient yield to supply me in medication for 7-8 weeks between harvest.

Respectfully,

Michael North (H00339683)

Tom whom it may concern,

I am a HIV patient that has been prescribed medical marijuana. I have severe symptoms that this addresses successfully. I would like to farm my own supply, but that isn't possible due to where I live. This leaves me with other routes of acquisition. The most apparent solution seems to be a community farm of sorts or a caregivers trade option of representing multiple patients, or a combination of both.

Thank you,

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Ethan Sarton (MJ09526)

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May Mizuno

From: Brian Murphy [mccfdia@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:19 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee; HB 2678 on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am

HB 2678 Testimony

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The important question is: How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends? In this case, there is not enough time for the patient to grow, harvest and cure the medicine that will help with nausea during imminent chemotherapy treatments; added stress from buying medicine from drug dealers will not help the health of such vulnerable patient.

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For the majority of Hawai'i's medical marijuana patients, it is extremely difficult to consistently grow medical-grade marijuana to continuously meet one's needs. Theft, mold, bug infestation, disease, lacking knowledge of successful growing and curing techniques and time consuming trial and error are just a few of the issues patients face.

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Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

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Mahalo
Kim Pfirman

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May Mizuno

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aloha

My name is Stuart Hirotsu, and I'm with Issei Productions, a media organization based in Wailuku on Maui. I am also a Medical Marijuana Patient. I am here to ask for your support of House Bill 2678, which addresses Secure Growing Facilities.

For several years I have recorded testimonials from patients suffering from cancer, AIDS, multiple-sclerosis, Crohn's disease, post-traumatic stress syndrome, and dozens of other crippling problems. I have also spent countless hours in the PWT offices hearing from even more patients. These are not easy tasks.

It might be a bit much to ask you to sit through all our testimonials, but I wish you could hear the voices. Our families, friends, and neighbors are often forced to contend with a ruthless Black Market, with absolutely no assurance of medical quality or even their own safety. These are people who have enough difficulties just getting around in their day to day lives.

It is clear that the laws are incomplete. The majority of the patients I meet are unable to create a garden in the first place, and most of those patients need their medicine immediately. Even the very few who have the environment, expertise, time and luck to create a viable medicinal garden still have to contend with theft and Federal harassment.

Clearly, we have a long way to go in addressing these problems. Your support of House Bill 2678 will mark a significant improvement in the way we treat our most vulnerable neighbors.

mahalo
Stuart Hirotsu

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May Mizuno

From: Robert Masters [robert@bestmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:40 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Medical Marijuana in Hawaii

To whom it may concern:

HB 2678 Testimony

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The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends, but patients have no choice but to acquire from an unregulated and unethical black market.

It is not in the interest of Hawai'i's public health to force patients into the black market.

An important question is:

How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends?

In this case, there is not enough time for the patient to grow, harvest and cure the medicine that will help with nausea during immediate chemotherapy treatments, and any stress from buying medicine from drug dealers will not help the health of the patient.

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Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Masters

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May Mizuno

From: Kathleen Vierra [kittymarie@clearwire.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 267B Testimony

HB 2678 Testimony

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Mahalo

Kathleen Vierra

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May Mizuno

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 2:05 PM
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Subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am. RM 329

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JOHN KING

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May Mizuno

From: Billie Hazel [hazelb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:17 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: support HB 2678 testimony

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May Mizuno

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:19 PM
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Subject: PONO "do what is right"

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Once again, I urge you to **vote "yes" on HB 2678**.

I am a medical marijuana Patients in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

Mahalo
Mark

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May Mizuno

From: Patients Withouttime [patientswithouttime@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Kenneth Moore's Testimony for Health Committee; HB 2678 on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm#329.

HB 2678 Testimony

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Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

Dear Rep. Green and Rep. Mizuno:

As a medical marijuana patient I strongly urge and support the passage of HB 2678.

Having chronic neck and shoulder pain as a result of a car accident (not my fault), I find little relief through the conventional medical treatments. Use of Marijuana has been the only thing that provides me with any relief. I do not have a green thumb and have had to rely on sources from the unregulated and unethical black market. I do not want to support these illegal activities or the individuals involved with it but have had little or no choice but to do so. Passage of this Bill would enable me to abide within the laws of Hawaii. I urge you to vote "YES"!

Mahalo
Kenneth Moore

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May Mizuno

From: Gerald Taber [solidlava@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 4:09 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: keo7777@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678
Importance: High

Aloha Councilmember(s),

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawaii's medical marijuana program.

The most critical issue facing Hawaii medical marijuana patients is the acquisition of our medicine. Increased Costs, Theft, armed robbery, and police/helicopter eradication raids continually threaten patients' safety and well being. The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends, but patients have no choice but to acquire from an unregulated and unethical black market. It is not in the interest of Hawaii's public health to force patients into this "black market."

Although I am licensed care provider I have had difficulty keeping my license active while dealing with the high cost of medical marijuana. Often times I am financially and physically forced to not have the medical marijuana necessary to help my wife who is the primary patient for which I am the care provider in the state of Hawaii. The cost of medical marijuana is too expensive at this time for the average household to be able to afford. Lowering costs for patients while creating a necessary and viable income for Hawaii's Counties is a very attainable goal for Hawaii. Your goal should be to help to set the pace for the future of medical Marijuana. Medical marijuana will help the economy as well as help the citizens who make up the fabric of our great nation.

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I am a medical marijuana care Provider and my Wife is a Patient in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

Mahalo,

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MJ 07734

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May Mizuno

From: mike schwabenland [mschwabenland@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678

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Mahalo,
Mike Schwabenland

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May Mizuno

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Subject: HB2678

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Joelle the Mermaid

with subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm #329.

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Mahalo
Joelle La Mer

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May Mizuno

From: Valley Isle Resort [valleyisleresort@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 5:03 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: House Bill 2678

I have read House Bill 2678, I feel it is based on very sound thinking. Since medical marijuana is legal in Hawaii, it needs to be treated with the same respect and consideration as any legal doctor prescribed medicine. Which is making sure that the patient receives the proper medicine of the best quality for their particular ailment. Please support House Bill 2678.

Davis Morgan

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May Mizuno

From: Hot Sauce [greenfigital@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 5:03 PM
To: HLTtestimony
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Below is my story. Since this encounter thieves have come to my house, and I have had to move. I need to acquire my medicine, but the "green harvest" helicopters attracted too much attention to me in my neighborhood. HB 2678 would fix all of this:

"Green Harvest" Encounter
Friday, September 7th, 2007
Haiku, HI 96708
12:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 7th, 2007, at about 12:00 noon, a yellow helicopter landed on the property where I rent a cottage in Haiku. I am a registered medical marijuana patient with the State of Hawai'i Narcotics Enforcement Division. I have been registered for three years. This year, my girlfriend (we live together) received her medical marijuana license and started growing. 5 months ago, I started growing for another patient, G. Alexandri, as her registered caregiver. For more than two years she had been telling me of lack of success growing her own medicine and lack of a responsible caregiver to do so for her. It took three months to get started growing for G. Alexandri, and for the past two months I have been providing her medicine. With these bigger plants, I was planning to provide her with particular product for her particular ailment. Therefore, 21 plants are legally allowed to grow at our registered grow site, licensed by the same department overseeing this eradication program.

For more than two years I have been growing medical marijuana at our registered grow site. Routinely I have felt like I am continually a target of the helicopter eradication program. Repeatedly over the past six months, low flying helicopters (sometimes less than 100 feet above the ground) fly on a straight line from the horizon directly to my house. When home I have waved my "blue card" in the air and the helicopter ultimately flies away. When I am not home, T. Gurgol, the landlord, or other neighbors have called me to make me aware of the situation. We had the same number of plants for the last five months. We have harvested a few and started new plants during that time. After observing the garden regularly for three months, the helicopter waited until the end of the growing season, when the big summertime "long season" plants were almost ready to harvest. Why now?

In our backyard, there were 21 plants. Many of these plants were big plants. The summertime is the only growing season is the only time when this is possible. We pruned plants early, and as these plants grew bigger and their root systems out grew the pot, we transplanted them into bigger pots, burying the roots and lower branches deeper under the soil. We have been careful as to stagger plants into the garden so that there will only be nine mature plants at any time. On the 7th of September, We had two plants that were nearly mature. I was planning to harvest them within a few days.

Marijuana is a very particular plant and, particularly as a medicine, ~~it is only~~

viable to harvest at a particular time, when the flowers are mature. You do not just grow it as big as you want and cut it anytime. It is self-defeating to cut the flowers when they are not mature, even a few days early or late has devastating consequences. To check maturity, it is necessary to look very closely. A clump of leaves does not indicate maturity; a mature flower is the only thing that can indicate maturity. There were five more plants that were two to three weeks away from maturity, and the rest were not flowering yet, or had been flowering earlier and were now re-growing because of a strange season. Because of varying genetics, each plant has a different flowering time-span until maturity. Our grow site combined certain genetics so that some of the younger plants would be mature before others. Two of the young plants I actually transplanted into bigger pots that morning and were so immature that roots had not fully developed, I had noted that morning when transplanting and then photographing the grow site.

T. Gurgol, my girlfriend is off the island, and I was not home when the helicopter landed. When the helicopter landed, another tenant, Christina Fisher, living on my landlord's property called me to make me aware of the situation. Christina, and our landlord have both witnessed the low flying helicopters in the past. Last month, they commented that the neighborhood was under siege. Christina called me not too long later to let me know that my medical marijuana plants were seized. Christina confronted one of the pilots, who introduced himself as Sergeant Maeda. She let the officer know that I was a medical marijuana patient. She was not aware of Taryn being a patient nor of I serving as a caregiver for another patient. As my medical marijuana plants were cut from their stalks, and manhandled into the helicopter, the officer responded "He's over his limit." Sergeant Maeda would have known that there were two other patients registered to the grow site if he had called to verify.

When my attorney, Andrew Von Sonn, called the Maui police department immediately thereafter, Sergeant Kubo made it clear that he was not aware of the situation, that he would return the call when the helicopter returned. Two hours later, At 4:30, Andrew Von Sonn and I arrived at the police station to have my plants returned that Sgt. Kubo authorized to be released to me, Sgt. Maeda met us at the police station. Sgt. Maeda admitted that during their routine mission, they saw our grow site, and did not call their office to verify whether or not the grow site was that of authorized medical marijuana patients, and if I showed him the licenses that he would return our plants. I showed our licenses. If Sgt. Maeda had followed the protocol set forth in the law, by calling the office of the Department of Public Safety he would have found that we have three licenses to that address, and that the twenty one plants were within our limits. Instead, they landed and killed plants; cutting them and pulling roots apart, pulling branches out of the dirt; considering every branch a separate plant, considering any clump of leaves a mature bud. If it comes down to it, I demand genetic testing and a botany expert to prove that I had more than 21 plants and nine that were mature. Despite Sgt. Maeda misleadingly declaring that they were not going to prosecute me, this encounter only served to interrupt our adequate medical supply, initiating a lot of fear and questions from the neighbors who now know all about our medical marijuana garden.

I took photographs that morning before they were seized, seven of them were less than two weeks old. We had had 21 planted pots. Each plant grew differently, but there was no reason for the police officers to start cutting and pulling my plants apart. Since we were not present, the officer should have checked with the Department of Public Safety, to determine if the location is a registered medical marijuana growing site. I was told that because Taryn was not present that I could only receive six of the plants. I explained that she was off-island for another two weeks, and I was told that she could come then and gather her three "mature" plants.

We were escorted to a container, in the police department's parking lot baked by the hot Wailuku sun. The container was opened, and my medical plants were in a pile on the dirty floor in the moldy container. This is how our medicine was treated. It is one thing if they are extracting plants from the cane fields and piling them up, but this was high quality medical marijuana. Could they not have taken the pots instead of cutting and breaking my plants? The pots are not that heavy. Did they not realize that these plants were medicine that need to be handled in a respectful way. I understand that the police department is not responsible for maintenance of seized live marijuana plants, but was this not excessive?. Nowhere does it say police can kill and seize immature live marijuana plants from patients complying with the law.

We were told that I could take six of these branches, and took time to choose through the pile of smashed and muddy plants. I was looking particularly for branches

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from the two mature plants that I hoped to salvage. They were not in the pile. I asked if this was all of my plants. I was told they were. I looked more and settled with six branches, broken and smashed, apparently rolled in the mud, stepped on and sat on. The branches I was returned came from two plants that were far from mature, and now smashed and trampled. I understand that the police department is not responsible for maintaining my seized plants, but they are certainly not entitled to kill them.

My attorney demand a report requesting the other 9 plants back immediately and Taryn's seven plants when she returns to the island in two weeks. I asked the officers why they did not call their office in Honolulu, the Department of Public Safety, to verify my registration status before landing and killing my plants. The sargeant's response: "No, we cannot do that on the helicopter. We don't even know what address we are at."

I could not help but think that this was a complete breach of protocol. Using GPS coordinates and a tax map key was what I thought the department of public safety did to verify addresses for the helicopter eradication program. I was told that our plants were cut because there were 30 plants and that they all were mature. We had 21 plants, and nine of them were reaching maturity. Having a helicopter fly, land and then killed plants, all but two of which were not mature, was excessive and unnecessary; only done because of breaching the protocol and regulations guiding helicopter -based marijuana eradication efforts. Considering that the State of Hawai'i Department of Public Safety oversees this helicopter-based eradication program, is it safe for helicopters to fly low over residential areas and then land?

Earlier in the morning, I saw 2 black helicopters and yellow ones. Who was in the black helicopters? What were their names? Are they the ones who kept the our plants closest to maturity? Are they federal authorities bullying and pressuring our state and local police officers into violating our states' rights? Are our local and state police officers victims just like us patients; are they vicitms of the system, for monetary reasons (because of federal grant money forcing them to enforce laws that are contrary to Hawai'i's states' rights)? Without ample training or guidance, our local law enforcement is alienating and causing a great disservice to their community. Are our police enforcement officers shadowed by federal narcotics agents, intimidated to violate state laws? For two years I have been monitored regularly by yellow helicopters. They have circled and hovered very low. Why did they kill my medical marijuana plants only when the black helicopters were flying? Is our taxpaying money being used for our police officers to serve as federal agents?

Regardless, as evident by this encounter, and Sergeant Maeda explaining that they did not follow their protocol, it is clear that the helicopter-based eradication program does not have proper oversight, training, organization and implementation. If my neighbor had not witnessed the situation, confronted Sgt. Maeda, and called me to make me aware of the situation, would I have ever been notified? Considering that protocol was not followed up until this point, who is to say it would be followed at all? Was there ever going to be a record of the situation considering that the police officers did not know what address they were even at? Was this just theft involving police officers who have never before been held accountable for their actions? Certainly if I had come home to a garden of cut stalks I would have thought them to be stolen. I wonder that if the officers were not confronted by our neighbor Christina Fisher, there would have been no record of this encounter and I would have returned home to find my grow site cleared out and I would have thought it to be stolen, as have other patients. There was no note left at the grow site, and as evident by the sargeant's explanation, the officers had no idea even where they were. I would have filed a police report, and questioned my own safety and security.

Even after knowing it was Maui County police officers that illegally seized my medical marijuana plants, I feel the victim of theft. Because the police department returned to me some of our plants, they are acknowledging wrongdoing. By returning them dead because of not following their protocol, the police officers showed a great amount of disrespect towards our medicine and the state law created to protect it from these kinds of damaging encounters, and of course myself, my girlfriend Taryn L. Gurgol and the recipient of my caregiving, Gina Alexandri, who depends on me for her medication. I undertook a great responsibility to care for her, and now I am not able to do that for many, many more months.

I loaded the returned dead and immature branches into my front seat and drove home to clean up my garden. Because these branches were exposed to all of Kahului traffic

during rush hour, when I asked, Sgt. Maeda gave me a card with his desk and cellphone number incase I had any problems getting home. The two officers my attorney and I met, Sergeant Maeda and his partner, were very cordial to us at the police station.

If the intention of the helicopter-based marijuana eradication program is to prevent marijuana from entering the illegal market, why would a helicopter hover real low and show all the neighbors where a medical marijuana patient's grow site lies? On Maui, theft and safety have always been my greatest concern. If there is a question, could the helicopter not monitor from very high and comply with FAA regulations while police cars come? Could they not take photographs and pass the evidence over to the county prosecutor to return with a search warrant? Our grow site is in the open to receive full sun. We had nothing to hide. I support helicopters combing state and federal land for illegal drug cultivation, but to be flying extremely low over residential areas is a blatant invasion of privacy and an act of disturbing the peace.

Without the usable product from summertime "long season" plant, it is impossible to maintain an adequate supply. Now that it is the beginning of the wintertime "Short season," plants will remain very small, and yield little. It will be a year until we have that product, if at all. Where were the two plants close to mature when I went to the police station to retrieve my "six mature (branches) plants?" When I was digging through the pile that were my plants, I was taking my time. I layed them out side by side. I was granted the opportunity to take photographs. Andrew Von Sonn asked the officers if I could take my time. The officers said that they understood and asked me what I was looking for. I responded, "I am looking for the two nearly mature plants."

Physical Damages both real and punitive of B. Igersheim, T. Gurgol and G. Alexandri to date:

Damages associated with loss of medicine, now being left with no other choice but to acquire medicine, and of course having to start our grow site over, certainly taking new security precautions:

Soil, Fertilizers, Time: a hour/ day for 160 days =160 hours up until now. Getting started again: It will take one year to get the grow site back to the point it was friday morning, and because of increased security and safety concerns, it will take some time to add up actual damages.

With the harvested medical marijuana plants, we, as marijuana patients prefer concentrate.

"Marijuana" shall have the same meaning as "marijuana" and "marijuana concentrate" as provided in sections 329-1 and 712-1240, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

By preparing harvested marijuana into concentrate, we isolate particular cannabinoids to help each of our particular ailments. To make a small amount of concentrate reacquires a lot of unusable mature product. product. During "long season" (the summertime growing season) plants get very big. When its time to harvest, we make 3 ounces of concentrate per person. Concentrate is a healthier, cleaner product, lacking cellulose matter; a better alternative for the vaporizer.

Now that our plants have been taken and abused and only partially returned to us, and considering that cold water extraction has a 5% return from the weight of mature marijuana plant's product, we will need to acquire a large quantity of medical marijuana. Considering that we can only acquire three ounces at a time, and it is difficult to do that, the amount of money and time necessary to replace our medical supply is substantial.

We are also going to have to take more security precautions than in the past to prevent neighborhood theft (which has never been a problem before until now). Because of this situation, we demand the helicopter eradication program to stop flying over residential areas at all. Also, state of Hawai'i registered medical marijuana patients must have a secure, licensed area in which their plants can be grown collectively, ensuring an uninterrupted flow of medicine. Since the Maui County police department dispensed 6 marijuana plants to me and Gina Alexandri, certainly they can ensure that there is an adequate supply for each patient.

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From: Paul Andrus [paulandfran@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:43 AM
To: Rep. Joe Bertram III
Subject: HB2678

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January 31, 2008

The Honorable Joe Bertram III
Hawaii House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Bertram:

I support the medical marijuana growing facility bill - HB 2678. This is a good idea and would allow patients who have difficulty growing their own medicine to get the help they so desperately need.

Mahalo and Aloha

Paul Andrus

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May Mizuno

From: Bill Cox [divrb@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:27 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Requesting your Support of HB 2678

Aloha,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

The most critical issue facing Hawaii medical marijuana patients is the safe and legal acquisition of medicine. Theft (including from the police themselves), armed robbery and helicopter eradication programs continually threaten patients.

The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends and have the right to grow their medicine as long as certain guidelines are followed. Well, I personally recently had my plants (and medicine) stolen by the police even though I was legally within the guidelines of the State laws. I had my "legal" 7 plants growing on my property (a location I own and one that is listed on my Medical Marijuana License as issued by the State as my grow site) and the police recently came by and took them. My property has a couple of other rental units (all with different mailing addresses) and a couple of the other tenants residing on the property also have Medical Marijuana Licenses. One day recently the police came by and took my plants stating that only 7 plants could be grown on a single property and that another patient had their plants growing on the property so mine had to go (even though that person resided at a different address and were not associated with me). I was just getting ready to harvest some of my medicine so with that supply now gone I had to go out and spend a lot of money, which I do not currently have, to replace it. I'm also now afraid to try to grow my own again, even though I am abiding by the laws provided by the State of Hawaii, for fear that they too will be taken from me. This now forces me to spend money I don't have and to deal with the black market to acquire my medicine.

The State of Hawai'i has had its medical marijuana program in place for eight years now and it is time to rectify some of the problematic aspects of the law.

For the majority of Hawai'i's medical marijuana patients (including myself), it is extremely difficult to consistently grow medical-grade marijuana to continuously meet their needs. Theft, mold, bug infestation, disease and lack of proper growing knowledge are just a few of the issues that patients face.

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facilitator, it will make it easier and safer for both patients and law enforcement.

Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

Sincerely,

Bill Cox

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May Mizuno

From: Mr. Aloha [mr_aloha793@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:44 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2678 Testimony

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HB 2678 Testimony

1. Health Committee: Chair - Rep. Josh Green, Vice-chair - Rep. John Mizuno
2. Date of Hearing: 2/1/08
3. Time of Hearing: 8:00 am
4. Location of Hearing: House Conference Room 329
5. Bill Number HB 2678
5. Position: Support
6. Number of copies needed for committee: 10

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The important question is: How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends? In this case, there is not enough time for the patient to grow, harvest and cure the medicine that will help with nausea during imminent chemotherapy treatments; added stress from buying medicine from drug dealers will not help the health of such vulnerable patient.

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no distribution of marijuana; money will only be exchanged only over the land lease in the secure facility.

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May Mizuno

From: H2oSGrL@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 8:00 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm #3

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Once again, I urge you to **vote "yes" on HB 2678**.

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Mahalo,
Karen Inskip
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Makawao, HI 96768

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May Mizuno

From: Puabym@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:02 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2678 Vote Yes.....

Attn; Josh Green & John Mizuno

Aloha Council members,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawaii`s medical marijuana program.

Please help the sick people. patients safety is important. Because of the conflicts with the federal law, Hawaii dose not provide for legal means of supplying marijuana.

I have glaucoma, I have no health insurance & I am 58 years old, without your help you will be condemning me to darkness...once again I urge you to vote "Yes" on HB 2678.

I am a medical marijuana patient in Maui county & would like to see Hawaii pave the way for patients to have safe, secure and affordable medicine.

Mahalo,
M . Spears

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May Mizuno

From: Food Chain [food-chain1@lycos.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:25 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2678 Testimony

HB 2678 Testimony

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3. Time of Hearing:
4. Location of Hearing:
5. Bill Number HB 2678
5. Position: Support
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Aloha Council Member,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

The most critical issue facing Hawaii medical marijuana patients is the safe and legal acquisition of medicine. Theft, armed robbery, and helicopter eradication programs continually threaten patients.

The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends, but patients have no choice but to acquire from an unregulated and unethical black market.

It is not in the interest of Hawai'i's public health to force patients into the black market.

An important question is:

How does a patient who is diagnosed with cancer and to undergo chemotherapy immediately acquire the medicine that his/her doctor recommends?

In this case, there is not enough time for the patient to grow, harvest and cure the medicine that will help with nausea during immediate chemotherapy treatments, and any stress from buying medicine from drug dealers will not help the health of the patient.

Because of conflicts with federal law, Hawaii does not provide for a legal means of supplying marijuana. Allowing patients to form collective and co-operative operations will help individual patients to have their needs met immediately. By employing a "certified facilitator," it will ensure that patients will have access to the right strains of medical marijuana most suitable for their ailment.

According to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, a medical marijuana patient must control (through lease or ownership) the area of his or her grow site.

By creating this model allotment system on the island of Maui, agriculturally zoned family farms will be able to secure and lease individual plots of land to individual patients.

This plan will not violate state or federal law. There will be no distribution of marijuana. Money will only be exchanged over the land lease in the secure facility.

The State of Hawai'i has had its medical marijuana program in place for eight years and it is time to rectify some of the problematic aspects of the law.

For the majority of Hawai'i's medical marijuana patients, it is extremely difficult to consistently grow medical-grade marijuana to continuously meet their needs. Theft, mold, bug infestation, disease, lacking knowledge of successful growing and curing techniques and time consuming trial and error are just a few of the issues patients face.

Allowing patients to grow together in a secure location with access to a knowledgeable facilitator will make it easier and safer for patients and law enforcement. There will be no need for marijuana eradication helicopters to fly low over backyard medical marijuana grow sites.

Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

Sincerely,

James Greathouse

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May Mizuno

From: carloc@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 10:33 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: estimony for Health Committee HB 2678

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Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

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Mahalo,

Carlo Ciampanelli

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May Mizuno

From: Debra A. L. Brooks [debraalbrooks@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 11:37 PM
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Aloha Council members,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

Now that I am more than 4 years past half a century, and have had many injuries over the years; I've come to the point where it is very necessary to have something that has no side effects and helps me to manage the pain from the "Severe Degenerative Joint Disease "I have been diagnosed with.

Now over the past 20 years or so since the cartilage in my knees has been shredded from old injuries; I have been given a fairly large array of different pain pharmaceuticals to help me keep working when my joints start to hurt. Doctors have also tried to give me muscle relaxers in order to be able to sleep at night. I tried the pharmaceuticals to give them a chance.

Marijuana does a better job of helping me control the pain in my joints without the side effects. I am blessed with a secure place to grow my medicine; but there are many who either don't have a place to grow, or don't know how to grow.

If House Bill # 2678 is approved, there would be funding to cover the fence, security cameras, dogs, and handlers for 1 year.

This would be a blessing to those patients who are dependant on MMJ for their quality of life and do not have the means nor the expertise to be able to grow for themselves.

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Mahalo

I place my name in support of House Bill 2678.

Debra A. L. Brooks

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May Mizuno

From: Chris Quimby [quimbyc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 11:50 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2678 Testimony

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Mahalo

Chris Quimby

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May Mizuno

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 11:54 PM
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Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

I am a medical marijuana Patient in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

Mahalo

I place my name in support of House Bill 2678.

Jeanne C. Brooks

MMJ Patient

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My name is Joseph Ratttner, and it is an honor to submit testimony in full support of HB 2678.

I will be HIV positive for sixteen years come this March 15th.

I have lived on this beautiful island of Oahu, Hawaii for 6 years now and have possessed a Medicinal Medical Marijuana license here for four. I am also a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor and am proud to say that I have counseled many into recovery from the East Coast of New Jersey to Hawaii. Mostly I am proud to be the Founder and Executive Director of West Oahu Hope For A Cure Foundation located in Ewa Beach.

First off, I must say that trying to grow Marijuana is a science, which takes an enormous amount of time. Although my first plant was successful, the ways and means of it happening; correctly each time; can be nerve racking, especially if your medicine is running out. Appetite, nausea, pain relief and even a major stress reducer, which is of course advantageous when you have a CHRONIC ILLNESS, is the need that medicinal marijuana serves.

There are approximately 1,000 patients in the State of Hawaii presently possessing medical marijuana licenses.

HB 2678 is giving patients who qualify the opportunity to Lease a plot of growing area on Maui and a Farmer that will grow your medicine. Marijuana is legal in Hawaii and by allowing patients of HIV, Cancer, Glaucoma, and other conditions, which require this treatment a more

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secure way of getting what they need to survive, the safer we all are. A “*certified facilitator*” will determine the strains needed for the plants, a “*plot*”; will then be “leased” by the qualifying patient from a “*secure growing facility*”. All of these new laws will be over seen and monitored by the Department of Health. Patients from all the islands of Hawaii will qualify, but the 1st “secure growing facility” will be on Maui.

It is essential for people living with HIV to take their medications. The side effects cause much stomach upset with the constant need to try and stop vomiting. The marijuana makes taking the medicines bearable.

Hunger and the need to stay hungry for a balanced diet is where another important aspect of medicinal marijuana plays such a huge role in recovery and better health for patients.

This bill makes it easier for patients’ to have access to their legally prescribed marijuana. There will be less drug trafficking from Waikiki to Waianae, especially preventing the risk areas near our schools.

Experienced patients, who have proven to comply with their regimen, should be given this chance to feel safe about smoking their medicinal marijuana.

For these and many other reasons, I **strongly** support HB 2678.

Mahalo nui loa for giving me the opportunity to share my views.

With much Aloha,

Joseph B. Rattner, OD, CSAC
Executive Director-WOHFAC
91-211 Makaina Place
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone-808-685-6702

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May Mizuno

From: TrueLink1@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:05 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: mbarrad@gmail.com
Subject: (no subject)

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

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Once again, I urge you to **vote "yes" on HB 2678**.

I am a medical marijuana Patients in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

Mahalo,
Mark Barrad
808-357-6156

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May Mizuno

From: Will Navran [willsilver@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:07 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: House Bill 2678

I have been a medical marijuana patient on Maui for 3 years. The most difficult aspect of being a patient is growing enough medicine to fill my needs. This bill will provide the security and knowledgeable environment to grow successfully. We have a medical marijuana program and we should try in every way to make it workable so more laws are not broken and the program fulfills itself.

Thank you,

Will Navran

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May Mizuno

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Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:21 AM
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aloha Representative Green,

Please move HB 2678 out of committee.

The governor and legislature had the compassion, vision and courage to make Hawaii the only state to make cannabis (marijuana) a medication through legislation and not by voter initiative. The issue of how patients can obtain the medication needs to be resolved and HB 2678 is a responsible way to achieve this important need. The legislature has a responsibility. Please move it out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

with aloha,

jeff

--
Jeff Sims
991 Front Street
Lahaina, HI 96761

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May Mizuno

From: Kmoore; [kmoore@dcci.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:45 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Re: Vote Yes on HB 2678

Dear Rep. Green and Rep. Mizuno:

As a medical marijuana patient I strong urge and support the passage of HB 2678.

Having chronic neck and shoulder pain as a result of a car accident (not my fault), I find little relief through the conventional medical treatments. Use of Marijuana has been the only thing that provides me with any relief. I do not have a green thumb and have had to rely on sources from the unregulated and unethical black market. I do not want to support these illegal activities or the individuals involved with it but have had little or no choice but to do so. Passage of this Bill would enable me to abide within the laws of Hawaii. I urge you to vote "YES"!

Mahalo

Kenneth Moore

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May Mizuno

From: gloria molica [ms_weedy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:25 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee; HB 2678 on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm#329.

Dear Council member,

I am a medical marijuana patient. In 2001 I had a near death medical problem. Thankfully, I made it.

I was a highly paid professional. I tried to work for three years. Chronic pain. PTSD, fused this and that.

I lost all that I owned and invested in for my whole Carree.

I never smoked marijuana until it was suggested by my physician for chronic pain, insomnia and PTSD.

I can only obtain my meds without breaking a Federal lass. As I have to have my special strains. Very costly. If it wasn't a law, I do not have to take the risk of my freedom to comply with unreasonably, crazy law. and cruel and unreasonable consequences.

I was given the gift of FREE WILL CHOICE. God's law is that it's my free will choice to take care of the quality of life I choose.

I'm an retired games dealer from Nv.
Please support HB2678

Thank you,

Gloria Molica

808-553-4397
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Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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May Mizuno

From: Anthony Simmons [sinew420@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:53 AM

To: HLTtestimony

Subject: yes to HB 2678

Aloha,

I support HB 2678. I do not buy marijuana or sell marijuana and I have been that way for a year. Growing my own medicine is very rewarding. Sadly my last crop will not yield enough medical marijuana for me . If there was a community effort to grow our medicine I would not have to worry about how to alleviate my pain.

Please vote yes on HB 2678.

Anthony Simmons

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May Mizuno

From: Ramoda Anand [framodda@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:48 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: vote yes HB 2678

Dear Health Committee,

I have been a medical marijuana advocate for two and a half years. I support HB 2678 because some people do not know how to grow. I know that I have had problems with my medical marijuana crop. One of my friends had problems knowing how much water to give their plants. Bugs have been a problem because they eat the plant and lay their eggs on the plant. Not every landlord is going to except that people have the right to grow their own medical marijuana. HB 2678 will be a way for a people to be secure about where they are growing it. I have heard that people had to buy it from people that were questionable in the black market. I use medical marijuana to control muscle spasms and it has been very helpful.

Please vote yes HB 2678.

Mahalo,
Ramoda Anand

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May Mizuno

From: Darryl [makawao@maui.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 12:00 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Fwd: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm #329.

To whom CAN HELP!!!!!!

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Mahalo

Darryl Amaral
Legal Caregiver on Maui

Caregiver Tom Sayles

We have constant problems with suppliers and High cost for below average Medical pot

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May Mizuno

From: Brian Murphy [mccfdia@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 12:02 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee; HB 2678 on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm#329.

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Mahalo
Leslie Morreira

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From: mark ivanovich [mark_ivanovich@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 1:52 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm #329

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Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

I am a 54 year old grandfather of three who has tried to lead an honorable and law abiding life. I have the upmost respect for the rule of law and have always encouraged my children and grandchildren to be the same way. However, I am also quite sick and need the benefits of medical marijuana as perscribed by my doctor. It only makes sense that cannibis be made available to those that need it for medical purposes. Given Hawaii has already recognized the need and usefulness of medical marijuana for easing the effects of chemo and radiation it stands to reason that medical marijuana be made available without the fear of legal ramifications. I am not a drug addict. I am sick. Please help stop this nonsense and vote for the passage of this bill. Many blessings and mahalos to you and your family.

Mark Ivanovich
Nahiku, Maui.
808-248-4070

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From: Grzzlyjhnsn@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 3:08 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony HB2678

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Once again, I urge you to **vote "yes" on HB 2678**.

I am a medical marijuana Patients in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to

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have safe, secure, and affordable medicine. I am also a Vietnam veteran, lco.3rdbtln.7thmar.1mar.Div. I came home with sickness and ailments that our country fails to address, and we fall by the wayside daily. Remember your Vets, remember the military actions "you" voted for but do not consider the outcome of America's veterans.

Mahalo,
William Johnson
PIC# HO422165

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From: kulagrl@aloha.net
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 2:46 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: House Bill 2678

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Mahalo

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May Mizuno

From: FOLKUC@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 3:24 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: H.R. 2678

HB 2678 Testimony

1. Health Committee: Chair - Rep. Josh Green, Vice-chair - Rep. John Mizuno
2. Date of Hearing: 2/1/07
3. Time of Hearing:
4. Location of Hearing:
5. Bill Number HB 2678
5. Position: Support
6. Number of copies needed for committee: 10

Aloha Council Member,

I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 2678, a bill that seeks to improve Hawai'i's medical marijuana program.

The most critical issue facing Hawaii medical marijuana patients is the safe and legal acquisition of medicine. Theft, armed robbery, and helicopter eradication programs continually threaten patients.

The Hawaii Revised Statute states that legal medical marijuana patients can acquire and possess the medicine that their doctor recommends, but patients have no choice but to acquire from an unregulated and unethical black market. It is not in the interest of Hawai'i's public health to force patients into the black market.

An important question is:

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According to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, a medical marijuana patient must control (through lease or ownership) the area of his or her grow site.

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This plan will not violate state or federal law. There will be no distribution of marijuana. Money will only be exchanged over the land lease in the secure facility.

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Allowing patients to grow together in a secure location with access to a knowledgeable facilitator will make it easier and safer for patients and law enforcement. There will be no need for marijuana eradication helicopters to fly low over backyard medical marijuana grow sites.

Once again, I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2678.

Sincerely,
 Amy Nelson
 Lyles, TN

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May Mizuno

From: patti baker [bakerp@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 3:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: hr2678

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Once again, I urge you to **vote "yes" on HB 2678**.

I am a medical marijuana Patients in Maui County and I would like to see Hawai'i pave the way for patients to have safe, secure, and affordable medicine.

HB 2678 just makes plain sense. To clarify the law aids in decreasing criminal activity.

To mention natural resources, growing medical marijuana takes the same plot of land over and over whereas a few years back

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they started "grow Labs" on our oceans' bottom to manufacture antibiotics. I believed in the 1970's that marijuana was a safe "drug" and today under different circumstances I believe medical Marijuana is the safest "drug" and "medication". I have been a patient most of my life and was a nurse for 24 yrs.
When our traditional medications (pharmaceutical) stop working for patients with chronic debilitating diseases/disorders, then what?

Please help patients like me.

Mahalo,

Patti Baker

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Haunani Olds

From: Joy Brann [jbran@maui.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 3:13 PM
To: Rep. Joe Bertram III
Subject: RE: HB2678 will pass with your help!

Aloha Rep. Bertram,

I have witnessed the therapeutic benefits of medically-used marijuana to alleviate various conditions such as gastrointestinal problems from illnesses like cancer and the ill-effects of their treatments.

Marijuana has many beneficial uses for health that patients can regulate themselves.

Giving patients the right to grow marijuana in a controlled environment supports their right to health and health care.

"Please support the HB 2678 this Friday, which would create a secure growing facility for medical marijuana."

Mahalo,

Joy Brann, health educator
18 Kai Makani Loop #201
Kihei HI 96753
808-891-1607

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Haunani Olds

From: William Neumann [mrbillneumann@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 12:03 PM
To: Rep. Joe Bertram III
Subject: Your Vote For Regulatory Bill HB 2678

William Neumann
299 Keonekai Rd
Kihei, HI 96753-8544

January 31, 2008

The Honorable Joe Bertram III
Hawaii House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Bertram:

The HB 2678 instructs the Department of Health to set up a secure growing facility on Maui for growing medical marijuana. This facility would serve as a much-needed alternate source of medicine for registered patients and those who care for them.

This is a good idea for many reasons, the least of which is that not everyone is an expert in the garden. Consider the fact that many patients are often ill or debilitated to garden, and this idea makes even more sense.

Please support HB 2678 this Friday. Also, please schedule HB 2067, which would increase possession limits from 3 ounces/7 plants to 7 ounces/12 plants per patient, for a hearing before your committee.

These bills are important to me, as I do have a chronic IC condition, so such programs may well be needed to help me in the future.

Sincerely,

William Neumann

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May Mizuno

From: Gail Hoapili [hoapilig@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 5:44 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: hoapilig@hawaii.edu
Subject: HB2678

Send this or your own testimony to HLTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov with subject: Testimony for Health Committee HB 2678; on 2/1/08 at 8:00 am in conference rm # 329.

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Mahalo

Gail K. Hoapili

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May Mizuno

From: Brian Murphy [bmurphy420@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 4:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB2678

Aloha

> My name is Brian Murphy & I would like to see you pass HB2678. I dropped off my information.
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> I just got this info that I would like Chair Green to read US
> Investigators Praise Cannabinoids As Chemo Treatment
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> Madison, WI: Cannabinoids inhibit cancer cell proliferation and should be clinically tested as chemotherapeutic agents, according to a review published in the January issue of the journal Cancer Research.
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> Investigators at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health reported that the administration of cannabinoids halts the spread of a wide range of cancers, including brain cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, skin cancer, pancreatic cancer, and lymphoma. Researchers suggested that cannabinoids may offer significant advantages over standard chemotherapy treatments because the compounds are both non-toxic and can uniquely target malignant cells while ignoring healthy ones.
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> "Cannabinoids ... offer potential applications as anti-tumor drugs, based on the ability of some members of this class to limit inflammation, cell proliferation, and cell survival," authors concluded. "[T]here is overwhelming evidence to suggest that cannabinoids can be explored as chemotherapeutic agents for the treatment of cancer."
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> In November, researchers at the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute reported that the administration of the non-psychoactive cannabinoid cannabidiol limits the activity of the breast cancer metastasis gene Id-1, stating, "[Cannabidiol] offers hope of a non-toxic therapy that could [treat aggressive forms of cancer] without any of the painful side effects [of chemotherapy]."
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> In 2006, investigators at Madrid's Complutense University, School of Biology, reported in the British Journal of Cancer that THC administration decreases recurrent glioblastoma multiforme (brain) tumor growth in patients diagnosed with the disease.
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