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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ABIDE BY  
STATE LAWS RELATING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.

1           WHEREAS, the legislative intent of Act 228, Session Laws of  
2 2000, was to ensure that seriously ill people are not penalized  
3 by the State for the medical use of marijuana; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Act 228, which is codified in part IX of chapter  
6 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits qualified patients to use  
7 marijuana for strictly medical purposes when the patient's  
8 treating physician provides a professional opinion that the  
9 benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh  
10 the health risks for the qualifying patient; and  
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12           WHEREAS, section 329-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes, permits  
13 qualifying patients and their primary caregivers to jointly  
14 possess an amount of marijuana that is not more than is  
15 reasonably necessary to assure the uninterrupted availability of  
16 marijuana for the purpose of alleviating the symptoms or effects  
17 of a qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition,  
18 provided that this amount does not exceed three mature marijuana  
19 plants, four immature marijuana plants, and one ounce of usable  
20 marijuana per each mature plant; and  
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22           WHEREAS, it is often difficult for qualifying patients to  
23 acquire and cultivate marijuana for medical use;  
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25           WHEREAS, since the enactment of Act 228, state and local  
26 law enforcement agencies have authorized and conducted searches  
27 of qualifying patients' property and seized supplies of medical  
28 marijuana that state law permits qualifying patients to possess  
29 and use; now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
33 of 2009, that state and local law enforcement officers are  
34 requested to abide by state laws regarding the medical use of  
35 marijuana; and




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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Public Safety, the state Attorney General, and the police departments of the counties of Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii.

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