

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1561

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 7, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 165
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 165 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S POSITION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA RAIDS AND STOP ENGAGING IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA RAIDS THAT CIRCUMVENT STATE LAWS PERMITTING MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to work to stop law enforcement raids on legitimate medical marijuana providers and patients by requesting that the United States (US) Drug Enforcement Agency recognize President Barack Obama's opposition to use of federal resources for medical marijuana raids and to stop engaging in medical marijuana raids to circumvent state law.

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Drug Policy Action Group of Hawaii, Americans for Safe Access - Honolulu, Hawaii Chapter, and several concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution. The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual opposed this concurrent resolution. A concerned individual submitted comments.

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Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Requesting that the President and US Attorney General direct the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Agency to stop engaging in medical marijuana raids to circumvent state law;
- (2) Changing its title to read: "REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TO STOP ENGAGING IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA RAIDS THAT CIRCUMVENT STATE LAWS PERMITTING MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA";
- (3) Directing that a certified copy of this concurrent resolution be sent to the President of the United States; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 165, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Health in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 165, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



FAYE HANOZHANO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 165	Committee Referral: PBS, HLT	Date: 4-2-2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓		
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		✓		
TOTAL (12)	8	2		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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