

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**1383**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 55  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 55 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ABIDE BY STATE LAWS RELATING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request state and local law enforcement officers to abide by state laws relating to the medical use of marijuana.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two private organizations and one individual. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by one state agency and three county agencies. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

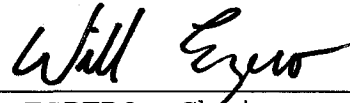
Your Committee finds that the benefits from the prescribed medical use of marijuana outweigh the legal concerns of state and local law enforcement officers of their duty to confiscate and criminalize the use of marijuana. Your Committee also finds that the medical use of cannabis is permitted under the existing laws of the State of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the prescribed medical use of marijuana has helped many severely-ill people in Hawaii in a safe and cost-effective manner in comparison to other alternative treatment measures that those patients would have to endure to receive adequate treatment or care.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 55, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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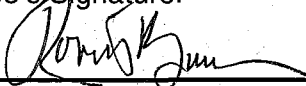
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	X			
BUNDA, Robert (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
HEMMINGS, Fred				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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