

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HR 67

From

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Aloha Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair, of the House Public Safety Committee and members of the Committee on Public Safety.

I write in strong support of HR 67 REQUESTING STATE AND LOCAL LAW OFFICERS TO ABIDE BY STATE LAWS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

This resolution is necessary so a comprehensive plan/law can be developed, giving us breathing room to:

Get the support from Maui County Chief of Police, Chief Philips, to support this in its entirety.

Look into the many instances that go unreported – patients being harassed.

To explore the guidelines from the Big Island. There was no opposition from the Hawaii County Police Department.

To come up with a comprehensive plan and laws that are uniform, laws that would clarify and address the confusion that exists.

Thank you for your support of this measure.