

LATE TESTIMONY

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TO: House Committee on Public Safety
House Committee on Health
FROM: Pamela Lichty, MPH, President
RE: HB1930 RELATING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA
– IN SUPPORT
DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2010, 8:30 a.m., room 309

The Drug Policy Action Group is in strong support of the intent of this bill. The problem of parolees and probationers being re-incarcerated for testing positive for marijuana is an important one. This measure represents one small step in rectifying the situation of spending our dollars incarcerating people for a minor infraction – but impacting their entire future.

There is no reason that parolees or probationers who have one of the qualifying conditions under the state's medical marijuana law shouldn't be able to use it with a certification from their doctor.

My only suggestion is that the bill may be overly complex. It is an important principle that the government respects the physician-patient relationship and not stand in its way. It may be enough to simply say that a person's status on parole or probation does not preclude them from being certified for the state's program.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Ann Freed [annfreed@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 1:39 AM
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

I am in support of HB1930 RELATING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA

Allowing sick probationers and parolees access to the medical use of marijuana as palliative care for chronic and painful disease is only humane. Let's do the right thing, not the popular thing.

Regards,
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TESTIMONY ON HB1930 RELATING TO USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

TIME: 8:30 P.M.

PLACE: Conference room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Senator Will Espero, Chair; Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair, and honorable members of the Committee; **Advocates of Consumer Rights strongly supports HB 1930**, Relating to use of Medical Marijuana. AFCR believes that all patients, including probationers and parolees, should have access to any medication, including medical cannabis, that alleviates their medical condition.

Please pass HB1930.

I will be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

George Fox,
President