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Testimony for WAM 2/24/2011 9:00:00 AM SB1458

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: support  
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E-mail: [info@hawaiicompassionatecare.com](mailto:info@hawaiicompassionatecare.com) Submitted on: 2/23/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly support this bill. Having state run dispensaries (not for profit) will ensure that patients have safe and reliable access to their medicine, allow for quality control so that patients are not getting sicker from smoking moldy cannabis, eliminate/reduce the black market and also reduce underage access to cannabis. Dispensaries should also be encouraged to carry some cannabis strains that are very low in THC but high in CBD. These strains still have anti-inflammatory and pain relieving effects without the "high". I think that these specific strains should be offered tax-free to patients and at a lower cost. This would encourage the majority of patients to rely mostly, if not completely on the low THC strains.

Under the current system patients are allowed to grow for themselves or to designate a "primary caregiver" to grow for them. Many patients are too sick to grow and are then at the mercy of a "caregiver". The patient then has no control over the quality of the medicine they receive nor the consistency in which they receive it, and a host of other problems. There are many responsible caregivers. There are also some who are not. In those cases the patients are left to suffer with very few alternatives.

We have many visitors to the islands who are medical marijuana patients from other states. There could also be made a provision for these patients to be allowed to access our dispensaries on a limited basis while they are in Hawaii. The current law does not address this situation at all.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this very important legislation.

Michelle Baiko

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Comments:  
I fully support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2011

Comments:  
I support this 100%

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Comments:  
i support this bill 100 %

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**From:** Daniel Azar [danielazar@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:55 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** "SB 1458 SD1 Relating to Health"

To: Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair and

Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Daniel Azar

POBox 779

Honaunau, HI 96726-0779

RE: "SB 1458 SD1 Relating to health"

Hearing: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

Position: **Strong Support**

The most urgent need according to most patients and the Medical Cannabis Working Group is the establishment of a legal, safe, and reliable source for their medicine.\*

Patients should not be forced to go to the criminal market for their medicine.\*

A state-regulated system of medical marijuana distribution should be safe from federal interference since Attorney General Eric Holder advised U.S. Attorneys in states with medical marijuana laws against investigating and prosecuting federal marijuana violations if the individual is acting in clear compliance with state law. This bill would provide the law with which to act in compliance.

Hawaii's law requires patients to grow their own medicine or have a caregiver grow for them. Many patients do not have the horticultural expertise necessary to grow their own medicine and do not know anyone who could grow it for them.

For patients suddenly stricken with a serious ailment, the months it takes to cultivate and harvest medical marijuana is prohibitive. Dispensaries will allow immediate access.

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Comments:  
i support this bill

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