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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2600
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
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Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 11:15 AM State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Chair Yamane and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety supports House Bill (HB) 2600, this measure updates Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substance Act Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes to be consistent with changes in Federal law as required by Section 329-11 HRS.

There is a growing problem with synthetic hallucinogenic substances being developed for sale to the public as "herbal incense" or "bath salts" in the State and around the county. The Department's Narcotics Enforcement Divisions as well as the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has attempted to protect the public by placing in the schedule the ever-increasing number of synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones labeled as "not for human"

consumption" but sold in retail shops with the promise of powerful hallucinogenic "legal" highs.

On March 1, 2011, the DEA applied its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control five chemicals (JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol) used to make "fake pot" products. Except as authorized by law, this action will make possessing and selling these chemicals or the products that contain them illegal in the United States for at least one year, while the DEA and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) further study whether these chemicals and products should be permanently controlled.

On June 1, 2011 Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into law Act 73, this placed the five synthetic cannabinoids (JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol) as well as two synthetic stimulants classified as cathiones Mephedrone, also known as 4-methylmethcathinone (4-MMC), or 4-methylephedrone and Methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV) as Schedule I controlled substances.

There are other synthetic Cathiones which were not included in the schedule, such as:

- 3,4-methylenedioxypyrovalerone
- 4-fluoromethcathinone
- 3-fluoromethcathinone
- 4-methylethcathinone
- 3,4-dimethylmethcathinone
- a-methylamino-butyrophenone
- β-keto-ethylbenzodioxolylbutanamine
- 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylcathinone
- 4-methoxymethcathinone

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α-pyrrolidinopropiophenone

3,4-methlyenedioxymethcathinone

α-pyrrolidinopentiophenone

 $\beta\text{-keto-N-methylbenzodioxolylpropylamine}$

naphthylpyroval erone

4-'methyl-α-pyrrolidinopropiophenone

β-keto-methylbenzodioxolylpentanamine

4'-methyl-α-pyrrolidinohexanophenone

4'-methyl-α-pyrrolidinobutyrophenone

α-phthalimidopropiophenone,

N-ethylcathinone

4'-methyl-α-pyrrolidinohexanophenone

3,4-methylenedioxypyrrolidinobutyrophenone

The following synthetic cannabinoids were also not included in the schedule:

| JWH-250 | JWH-307 | RCS-4 (C4) |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| JWH-203 | JWH-133 | RCS-8 ` ´ |
| JWH-122 | WIN-55,212-2 | AM 2201 |
| JWH-019 ⁻ | Pravadoline | AM-694 |
| JWH-015 | AM-1241 | And many more! |
| JWH-251 | CP 47,497 (C7) | · |
| JWH-398 | CP47,497 (C9) | |
| JWH-081 | AM 1220 | |
| JWH-370 | RCS-4 (2-MeO) | |
| JWH-051 | RCS-4 | |
| | | |

There are over 100 compounds that have been identified with potencies of at least twice that of THC and that does not include numerous unpublished designer compounds.

HB 2600 incorporates a general chemical class approach intended to prevent manufacturers from simply adding an isomer on to an existing controlled substance and therefore making it a new non-controlled compound.

The Department has received complaints from patients of practitioners setting up offices in hotel rooms, business centers or rented space for a few hours to see patients. The patients informed the department that these

physicians do not conduct physical examination, request that they only complete an application forms for Hawaii's medical use of marijuana program, then collected their fee and closed up the shop. Patients later call the NED complaining that they went back to the location where they saw their doctor and he is not there. They complained of being possibly ripped off and ask for assistance in locating their physician, so they can get back their money or receive their permit. Section 4 of HB 2600 would solve this problem and protect patients. The Department is recommending that on page 19, lines 15 through 22 and on page 20 lines 1 through 4 is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Section 329-32, Hawaii Revised Statute, is amended to read as follows:

§329-32 Registration requirements. (a) Every person who:

- (1) Manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses any controlled substance within this State;
- (2) Proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of any controlled substance within this State; or
 - (3) Dispenses or proposes to dispense any controlled substance for use in this State by shipping, mailing, or otherwise delivering the controlled substance from a location outside this State;
- (4) Recommends the medical use of marijuana to patients: shall obtain a registration issued by the department of public safety in accordance with the department's rules. A licensed or registered health care professional who acts as the authorized agent of a practitioner and who administers controlled substances at the direction of the practitioner shall not be required to obtain a registration.
- (b) Persons registered by the department of public safety under this chapter to manufacture, distribute, prescribe, dispense, store, or conduct research with controlled substances may possess, manufacture, distribute, prescribe, dispense, store, or conduct research with those substances to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with this part.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided by law, the following persons shall not be required to register and may lawfully possess controlled substances under this chapter:
 - (1) An agent or employee of any registered manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser of any controlled substance, if the agent or employee is

- acting in the usual course of the agent's or employee's business or employment;
- (2) A common or contract carrier or warehouser, or an employee thereof, whose possession of any controlled substance is in the usual course of the person's business or employment; and
- (3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner.
- (d) The department of public safety may waive the registration or filing requirement for certain manufacturers, distributors, prescribers, or dispensers by rule if:
 - (1) It is consistent with the public health and safety; and
 - (2) The department of public safety states the specific reasons for the waiver and the time period for which the waiver is to be valid.
- (e) A separate registration shall be required at each principal place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances, <u>recommends the medical use of marijuana</u>, except an office used by a practitioner (who is registered at another location) where controlled substances are prescribed but neither administered nor otherwise dispensed as a regular part of the professional practice of the practitioner at such office, and where no supplies of controlled substances are maintained.
- (f) The department of public safety may inspect the establishment of a registrant or applicant for registration in accordance with the department's rule.
- (g) The department of public safety may require a registrant to submit documents or written statements of fact relevant to a registration that the department deems necessary to determine whether the registration should be granted or denied. The failure of the registrant to provide the documents or statements within a reasonable time after being requested to do so shall be deemed to be a waiver by the registrant of the opportunity to present the documents or statements for consideration by the department in granting or denying the registration.
- (h) The failure to renew the controlled substance registration on a timely basis or to pay the applicable fees or payment with a check that is dishonored upon first deposit shall cause the registration to be automatically forfeited."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY

ON

HB 2600 - RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTASNCES

January 30, 2012

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino
Chair
The Honorable Ty Cullen
Vice Chair
and Members
House Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane
Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa
Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Chairs Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairs Cullen and Morikawa, and Members of the Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Health:

HB 2600, Relating to Controlled Substances, proposes updates to Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with federal laws on controlled substances, and amendments to section 329-32 relating to the registration requirements for physicians who utilize Hawaii's Medical Use of Marijuana Program.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, SUPPORTS the passage of this bill. This bill will update state law and help law enforcement address the problem of illegally used controlled substances in our community. We ask that the committees PASS HB 2600.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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February 1, 2012

Representative Henry J. C. Aquino Chairperson and Committee Members Committee On Public Safety & Military Affairs 415 South Beretania Street, Room 224 Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: House Bill 2600, Relating To Controlled Substances

Dear Representative Aquino:

The Hawai'i Police Department strongly supports the passage of House Bill 2600, Relating to Controlled Substances; the purpose is to make the Hawai'i Revised Statutes consistent with federal law on controlled substances by adding various drug substances to certain schedules; amends the Hawai'i Uniform Controlled Substance Act by adding general chemical class approach to certain drug substances; and requires physicians to register each location where recommendations for medical marijuana permits will be made.

The Hawai'i Police Department believes that with the introduction of various new so-called "designer" drugs, such as bath salts, 4MMC, MDPV, and spice, it is difficult for law enforcement to keep up with the "designer" drugs being introduced into the illicit drug market. The criminal element by adding/changing one molecule or isomer or the like of the "designer" drugs, is able to "skirt" the law as it is currently written, because when the chemical composition of the drugs are changed, oftentimes the change turns an otherwise illegal drug into a legal one based on the specific definitions regarding chemical compounds of the outlawed drug. This makes it very difficult for sworn law enforcement as well as the Crime Laboratory personnel who are tasked to test the "designer" drugs. The passing of this measure with the addition of the general chemical class approach would make it more difficult for designer-drug creators to simply add/change a molecule or isomer or the like to a designer drug in order to circumvent the statutes as currently written.

With respect to the last portion of the measure regarding a separate registration of sites where medical marijuana is recommended, we firmly believe it is not only a matter of professionalism but very prudent that a physician of healing be required to register each location where recommendations for medical marijuana permits will be made.

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY J. C. AQUINO
CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS
RE: HOUSE BILL 2600, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
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For these stated reasons, we urge this Committee to approve this measure. Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 1963.

Sincerely,

POLICE CHIEF



Committee:

Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Committee on Health

Hearing Date/Time:

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 11:15 a.m.

Place:

Conference Room 309

Re:

<u>Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Opposition to Section 4 of H.B. 2600.</u>

Relating to Controlled Substances

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, and Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee on Health:

The ACLU of Hawaii opposes Section 4, insofar as it is likely unconstitutional.

Section 4 would fundamentally change registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical cannabis — but not for other controlled substances. As such, H.B. 2600 is singling out medical cannabis for disproportionately harsher treatment than other controlled substances, despite the large number of bills moving through the Legislature to do the exact opposite.

Currently, HRS § 329-32 provides that physicians must register any office locations at which they maintain controlled substances. Physicians are not required to register other office locations, provided that (a) they have registered at least one office location, and (b) they do not maintain controlled substances at the non-registered office locations. The current wording of the law, therefore, allows physicians flexibility in their medical practices, in that physicians need not submit new registrations every time they consult with a patient in a new location. The current law also allows for house calls, a long-standing practice in the medical community (and a practice that is becoming more and more common).

http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/Global/story.asp?s=5682542;

http://www.midweek.com/content/columns/doctorinthehouse_article/bringing_back_house_calls/

http://www.midweek.com/content/columns/doctorinthehouse article/making chiropractic house calls/

¹ For recent news stories regarding the increasing popularity (and medical benefits) of house calls, see:

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Section 4 of H.B. 2600, however, would single out medical cannabis for substantially harsher treatment (and disproportionately more burdensome registration requirements for physicians) than that given to other controlled substances. House calls would be banned, and physicians who run into their patients at Costco or Long's would not be able to speak with their patients or risk disciplinary action.

Indeed, such a broad restriction on the *place* where a conversation about medical cannabis takes place may be unconstitutional, per *Conant v. Walters*, 309 F.3d 629 (9th Cir. 2002), cert. denied, 540 U.S. 946 (2003). Physicians have a First Amendment right to discuss medical cannabis with their patients, and such a heavy restriction on the place where those conversations may take place would certainly be subjected to a legal challenge on free speech grounds. Requiring physicians to register one principal office, as well as any office where controlled substances are maintained, makes sense – making physicians register every place at which they converse with patients does not.

As a member of the Medical Cannabis Working Group, the ACLU of Hawaii is aware of the many problems that patients have with the medical marijuana program. H.B. 1963 does nothing to improve these problems (e.g., the fact that sick patients must resort to the black market to obtain their medicine), and makes these problems worse, not better. The Working Group's full report is available at http://www.acluhawaii.org/downloads/1002MCWG.pdf.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

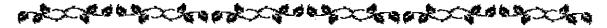
Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 2, 2012 11:15 a.m. Room 309

STRONG OPPOSITION to AMENDING SECTION329-32 in HB 2600

Chairs Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairs Cullen and Morikawa and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered, always being mindful that 6,000 Hawai'i individuals are living behind bars, including 1,800 men who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

HB2600 updates chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with federal laws on controlled substances; and amends section 329-32 relating to the registration requirements for physicians who utilize Hawaii's Medical Use of Marijuana Program.

Community Alliance on Prisons strongly opposes this sneaky move to amend Section 329-32 in relation to Hawai`i's LEGAL medical marijuana program in the controlled substances bill. Have you no shame?



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February 2, 2012

To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and

Committee on Health

From: Jeanne Ohta, Executive Director

RE: HB 2600 Relating to Controlled Substances

Hearing: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room 309

Position: Strong Opposition

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the Committee on Health, I am testifying today in strong opposition to HB 2600 Relating to Controlled Substances.

Section 4 adds the requirement that physicians who recommend medical marijuana must have a separate registration for each place of business. Why add this additional burden? Recommending medical marijuana is clearly different than the rest of that list, namely physicians who manufacture, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. This is an attempt to limit the physicians who participate in the program. The Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) has opposed allowing physicians to make house calls and recommend cannabis. Some patients are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians must be allowed to practice medicine based on the needs of their patients. The Ninth Circuit Court has ruled that physicians have the first amendment right to speak openly and candidly about cannabis to their patients about cannabis. The Supreme Court let the ruling stand (Conant v. Walters, 309F. 3d 629, 2002). Registration should not be required for a physician to exercise their right of free speech.

It is inappropriate for NED to determine how physicians should practice medicine and make it more difficult for them to see patients.

We respectfully request that Section 4 be deleted from this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1963

January 29, 2012

My name is Rachel Kamita I am a senior at Hawaii Baptist Academy and I am in support of House Bill 1963 that would close some of the loop holes in Hawaii's medical use of marijuana program. During the last semester of school in my political science class we had an assignment to write a bill to correct or improve a Hawaii law. I chose Hawaii's use of medical marijuana program and through my research found that there were ways to abuse the program. The bill I wrote attempted to achieve the same goal as House Bill 1963 by bringing the bill back to its original intent to help people with severe debilitating medical conditions such as AIDS and cancer. Through my research I found out that many younger people were getting permits so that they could legally smoke marijuana. In Waikiki I found many booklets with advertisements guaranteeing a medical marijuana permit or your money back. I found this unacceptable what doctor would allow someone to abuse drugs? Aren't doctors supposed to be helping people get better? They shouldn't be legal drug dealers. For this reason I am testifying in favor of House Bill 1963.

Thank you,

Rachel Kamita

TO:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY& MILITARY AFFAIRS

Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

FROM:

CLIFTON OTTO, MD HONOLULU, HI 808-292-4951

RE:

HB 2600 Thursday, February 2, 2012 11:15 a.m. Room 309

POSITION: OPPOSE

REGISTRATION OF A MEDICAL OFFICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF SPEECH WITHIN THE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.

THANK YOU.

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Testimony for PBM/HLT 2/2/2012 11:15:00 AM HB2600

Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Aiello
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mpaiello@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

HB 2600 is bad legislation, and I oppose it.

HB2600 creates new and unnecessary registration requirements for physicians who prescribe medical Cannabis.

Doctors are not criminals because they prescribe medical Cannabis, and should not have to register to discuss medical marijuana with their patients whether in the doctor's office or during a house call.

Please take out section 4 from this measure.

From:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Richard Baker Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

Please take out section 4 from this measure.

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Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Teri Heede Organization: Individual E-mail: theede@hawaii.rr.com Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

Aloha and Mahalo for accepting my testimony.

This would totally undermine the Medical Marijuana program and I assume that was the heartless intent.

This legislation is underhanded and should be relegated to the dumpster in the back ally it was conceived in.

From:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Michael Herrick

Organization: Individual E-mail: organicbri@gmail.com

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jonathan B. James M.D.

Organization: Individual E-mail: vitalitypro@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose 2600 as a Physician with 30 years experience in clinical practice.

I have seen 200,000 patient visits during that time.

The bill is designed to REDUCE the number of patients that use Marijuana for pain control. This will force these patients to use Narcotic and ineffective Tylenol based preparations. Many do not get relief from narcotics but get good relief from marijuana.

- There is no know lethal dose of Marijuana Patients can remain functional while getting full pain relief.
- Marijuana has been shown to prevent alzheimer's disease.
- Marijuana reduces inflammation through the Anandamide receptors in the brain Marijuana directly reacts with the toxic neurotransmitter " Norepinephrine " to reduce the levels and reduce inflammation and whole brain inflammation.
- Norepinephrine creates other charged chemicals called cytokines. Pain is driven by high levels of cytokines. Marijuana reduces these cytokines.
- * Marijuana decreases pain by reacting with Norepinphrine and reducing its level.

Pain control with other drugs is dangerous. Increased deaths WILL OCCUR if patients are forced to use other medications such as Narcotics, Anti-inflammatories, alcohol, and medication combinations that have acetaminophen (Tylenol) in there formula.

- Narcotic overdose, accidental
- * Addiction
- Narcotics push Criminal behavior because of addiction and the downward spiral that always follows.
 - Narcotics are sedating They cause far more accidents then marijuana.
 - Death rate in this nation for narcotics is higher than for care accidents.
 - Death rate from Marijuana Is ZERO.
 - We should encourage use of Marijuana instead of the dangerous alternatives.

This legislation will increase rules and will attempt to reduce the use of Marijuana for Pain control. Since Marijuana is the safest and thousands of people WILL die if they are force to use toxic addicting Meds that don't work as well,

- •Narcotics INCREASE Norepinephrine which fuels increased Pain.
- There will be an increase in narcotic related deaths.
- Drug over dose deaths will increase. Patients attempting to get pain relief by using narcotics, will create addiction, which forces people to become desperate. If they run out of their Narcotics and alcohol they are driven to get more.

• Patients that try to use Narcotics, frequently cannot get relief from pain because of increasing tolerance. The increase their dose and may be found dead.

Legal pain control with Marijuana reduces crime, and gives good pain relief with fewer side effects. Patient remains alert and functional.

Much More. I have written a 200 page book on the effects of stress and Norepinephrine on all the survival instincts. electronic copies available.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I am strongly in opposition to the classification of Canabis, it's by products, and or canebinols, tetrahydro canebinal, extracts, isomers, or salts, as hazardous. The government studies, clinical studies, hospital studies, as well as independent studies, by universities show the toxic level of such compounds has been mis-classified, as potentially hazardous. When the fact is by the findings of the US government studies show conclusively that the potential lethal dose is considered non life threatening. To classify these substances as hazardous is in conflict with the scientific findings. Mayor Billy Kenoi has testified that classifying the substances, and restricting their use has led to explosive abuses of substances such as methamphetamine, since it has made marijuana harder to obtain than the more toxic substances. Furthermore restricting the use of marijuana and instituting harsh legal penalties, makes more criminals out of normally law abiding medicinal users, and is an extreme abuse of powers. Further criminalizing and making medical marijuana restrictive is in violation of personal rights to use marijuana for medicinal purposes. It is the right of people to use herbal remedies for for their own personal health. It should be considered unconstitutional to restrict the rights of people to use natural substances with a low toxicity, and low risk of use, when other legal substances have a much higher toxic index level, and pose very a high risk of use. Law should be designed to protect citizens, not make them criminals, without due cause. If you are imposing your personal opinion, instead of what the scientific findings support, you are abusing your powers, which rights have been reserved for the people. Furthermore puting law enforcement in charge of medical decisions, information of patients, is an abridgement of their rights to privacy. see more information on this issue contained in the Bill of Rights, of the constitution of the United states. any law that is repugnant to the constitution is in fact void.

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Testimony for PBM/HLT 2/2/2012 11:15:00 AM HB2600

Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: dawn Libby
Oppositetion: Individual

Organization: Individual

E-mail: dawninspirit@hotmail.com

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nedi McKnight
Organization: Individual

E-mail: nedimcknight@gmail.com

Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

Opposition to amending section 329-32 in HB 2600

Chairs Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairs Cullen and Morikawa and Members of the Committees:

My name is Nedi McKnight. I am a concerned citizen. I would like to express my opposition to amending 329-32 in HB2600.

Physicians and health-care providers should be encouraged to help their patients find natural and healthy alternatives to narcotics, pain pills and other pharmaceuticals.

Adding restrictive physician registration requirements seems like a disingenuous attempt to alter a legal and functional medical marijuana program.

Respectfully,

Nedi McKnight Honokaa, HI

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Prof. Richard S. Miller

Organization: Individual E-mail: rmiller@aya.yale.edu

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes.

Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: joLENE MOLINARO

Organization: Individual E-mail: jm2day@yahoo.com Submitted on: 1/30/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brian Murphy
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bmurphy420@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bayley Nagy
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bayley420@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

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We should be spending our resources, time, and money on way more inportant issues in Hawaii.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheryl Nelson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: cheryl@solights.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

From:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Nelson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Mark@solights.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

You all ouught to be ashamed of yourselves for even hearing these ridiculous bills. HOW DARE

YOU!!!

Honorable House Members Chair and Co Chair: Testimony for HB 2600

I am in opposition to HB12600: I am a Hawaii Island Resident since 1975 and a Medical Marijuana Patient since 2001. In August 1997 I was injured by a "DRUNKEN" Crane operator who dropped 2500 lbs of Roof Trusses & my left arm was the recipient of that blunt force. I suffered 6 breaks to my left arm and 3 major surgeries. I was then given Bextra as a Pain Relief Medication. After 6 months my stomach could no longer accept Bextra, so I was prescribed Vioxx and Protonix (to combat the severe abdominal cramps and pain) or side effects of the Vioxx and Bextra. 3 years later I was diagnosed as having heart episodes in which it was determined to be directly related to the VIOXX. Vioxx was removed after KILLING Thousands of people. A drug approved by the almighty FDA. My insurance costs for these prescriptions were over \$700.00 per month. I paid a co pay of \$100.00. What a rip off for the Insurance Companies, and quite a racket, the Dr's were making on it too. AT MY PHYSICAL EXPENSE!!!

In 2004 Dr. Okimura of the Kona Hospital, made a very bad medical decision that literally left me with a Club foot, until Dr. Hiller rebuilt the Left foot, 5 months later. I have had 2 knee surgeries (My O'ahu Dr. has over 9,000 patients please see his TV commercial) to remove the damages caused by work in a physical environment. 6 major surgeries total.

My daily pain level is sustained by using the Medical Cannabis I grow for myself. My health is much better today because I have choice. Whether it be baking and eating Cannabis or Smoking to elevate the Fucked up Stomach that the Vioxx, Bextra & Protonix left me with, as well my pain management. Did I mention I was 195lbs before this; I am now trying to sustain weight at 150 lbs, all this after 14 years...So you in the House and Senate want to take this away from me? How Dare you!!! Is it because you were all threatened on 2011 by the Federal Government of "Personal Lawsuits" if you were to further any Medical Marijuana Legislation? YES. You are a bunch of wimps, who have sold out your own people in Hawaii & selling out to Big Pharmaceuticals'. Hmm what about Aloe Vera which is now a schedule 2 plant? Yes Illegal. I still use it for by burns. Justice Clarence Thomas as made it Illegal to grow and possess as well as it has no "Medical Value" he declared this, last April 2011.WTF are you Hooligans up to? Have you all turned in your Illegal Aloe Vera plants to the Police? I won't!!!

LIES, Lies Lies by Dept of Public Safety Keith Kamita are still being preached to members of the community, while being paid by the People. No County funds can be used for this, and you continually allow Kamita to do this? It is a Violation of Ethics... and you, Mr. & Mrs. House & Senate Members are just as guilty for allowing this to continue to take place in Hawaii. This is a severe conflict of interest. Mr. Keith Kamita is a very Unethical, Immoral and destructive manipulative behavior of a person, as well as his continual LIES must END!! As a Maui Judge said of Mr. Kamita he has "MISLEAD the Grand Jury " as well as the public, in disseminating FLASE information of the Medical Marijuana Program and lies in Court on Major Cases.. What gives this Fool Kamita the right? So, yes I oppose this HB2600 Vehemently!!! And so should each and every member of the House of Representatives. But I suppose Dr. Josh Green will prescribe to me all the Vicoden / Flexural Percocet I want, (NOT) to one of his 4,000+ patients who already receive enough Pain Meds to choke a horse with, Oh yeah I forgot Dr. Josh Greens Campaign was financed by his In Laws Back East who just happen to work for a Major Pharmaceutical Firm.. A severe Conflict of interest and ethical violations are being abused by Senator Dr.

Josh Green. Investigate him!! We have, shame on all of you for even allowing this bill and HB1963 to be heard. What a waste of Tax payers' time & money you continue to abuse.

Mark Nelson

Kailua-Kona Hawaii

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Chelsey Riddle Organization: Individual

E-mail: christopherallenwerner@yahoo.com Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB 2600. It creates additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana. It adds physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Matthew Rifkin Organization: Individual

E-mail: mattrifkin28@gmail.com

Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

By attempting to make the Hawaii Revised Statues to match Federal law on controlled substances seems an attempt to make the medical marijuana in the state of Hawaii invalid. This bill tries to circumvent the 10th amendment of the US Constitution. The great State of Hawai'i recognizes marijuana as medicine. Period. Keep the Federal government out of the conversation and out of the law.

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mwalkercook@aol.com Testimony for HB2600 on 2/2/2012 11:15:00 AM

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jan Walker-Cook
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mwalkercook@aol.com

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I am a terminally ill liver cancer patient who lives permanently on Oahu in Ewa Beach. But for medical marijuana I would be unable to take what is now my third round of chemotherapy and I believe that punishing terminally ill and by implication chronically ill patients in contravention of the existing standing law on medical marijuana is unconstitutional under the Hawaii State Constitution, under statute and under stare decisis. Not only do I oppose HB 2600 but I have standing and am prepared to commence civil litigation including but not limited to, legal and/or equitable means of obtaining remedy and protecting the law on medical marijuana for all medical marijuana patients in Hawaii.

HB 2600's requirement of creating additional registration requirements for physicians who recommend medical marijuana in arbitrary and capricious and will not stand the scrutiny of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. Additionally HB 2600 seeks to stigmatize and criminalize by inference by its adding physicians who recommend the medical use of marijuana to the list of physicians who must register each place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, prescribes, or dispenses controlled substances. In the past, the Narcotics Enforcement Division has attempted to prevent physicians who recommend medical marijuana from making house calls to patients who are too sick to leave their homes. Physicians should not have to register to exercise their right of free speech to discuss medical marijuana with their patients.

Please remove in its entirety section 4 from this measure and expand, don't take back medical marijuana rights from the desperately ill patients including myself in Hawaii. If you doubt my commitment to defeating this overreaching of the legislature in seeking to erode and end medical marijuana rights and access to the patients, please see in its entirety my TV interview with Catherine Cruz of KITV News in September 2011 and I have kept her abreast of ongoing events in this matter. Further, the House would gain revenue and credibility with the medical marijuana community by providing humane pharmacological access via Long's Pharmacy and the like for terminally ill patients such as myself who suffer daily and who cannot take pharmaceutical pain relieving medications because they further decompensate my already seriously damaged liver. Please do the right thing, be humane, do no harm and do justice by improving overall healthcare in Hawaii where despite the fact that one is insured or uninsured, one is not receiving comparable healthcare compared with most of the other 49 states.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Charles Webb, MD

Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>forecharlee@msn.com</u>
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

The addition concerning medical cannabis registration (page 19, section4) is one more attempt by law enforcement to restrict the already under-utilized medical cannabis program. Official Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) policy recommends that cannabis be moved to a legal schedule III status that would make it MORE available, not less available. This section needs to be deleted from suggested additions. Mahalo.

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Sandy Webb Organization: Individual E-mail: buzzzed@msn.com Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

HB 2600 is one more attempt by law enforcement to severely restrict or eliminate medical cannabis in Hawaii. Most doctors are already afraid to participate in the program, and by threatening physicians with felony charges this bill would make it nearly impossible to find one willing to certify patients.

This bill also appears to eliminate almost all chronic pain patients from certification, which would violate the Hawaii Pain Patients' Bill of Rights. Physicians, not law enforcement, should be deciding how to treat chronic pain. Please do not vote for this bill if you care about your fellow Hawaiian citizens.

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Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Chris Werner Organization: Individual

E-mail: christopherallenwerner@yahoo.com Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: isaac

Organization: Individual E-mail: fbi808@live.com
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

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