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SB 1458 SD2 HD1, Relating to Health

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March 22, 2011

1 **Department's Position:** The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) opposes SB1458 SD2 HD1

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unfunded implementation and oversight costs

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of SB1458 SD2 is to establish a five year pilot program in
4 Maui County for the distribution of medical marijuana. The Department of Health's concerns with this
5 bill are based on 1) legal issues, and 2) lack of resources for implementation.

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7 Legal Issues

8 Marijuana cultivation, transportation, and distribution, notwithstanding state law, remain illegal per
9 federal statute; the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 811) does not recognize the difference
10 between medical and recreational use of marijuana. It remains a Schedule 1 substance due to high
11 potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use, and safety concerns. Recent US Supreme Court
12 decisions (Gonzales v. Raich 2005) reasserted federal authority over marijuana as presently scheduled.

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14 SB1458 SD2 HD1 also eliminates Class 2 and Class 3 entities, which permitted cultivation and
15 manufacture of medical marijuana and marijuana-infused products within state law. DOH is gravely

1 concerned about the potential legal exposure to DOH staff involved in regulating Compassion Centers
2 when marijuana cultivation, possession, and transportation appear to remain illegal for entities other
3 than Compassion Centers.

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5 Implementation Concerns

6 Whether one compassion center or ten, nearly identical time, effort, and resources are required to
7 develop meaningful policies and procedures, consult with peers or contract with experts on best
8 practices, seek legal opinion, educate communities, the public, and government agencies, and develop
9 internal controls. This is especially relevant given the new responsibilities DOH assumes as a result of
10 SB1459 SD2 HD1 for ensuring adequate physical security, coordinating and verifying out-of-state
11 documentation, and controlling the portability and transportation of medical marijuana. Oversight and
12 inspection will need to be more frequent than with established licensees (nursing homes, hospitals, etc.)
13 due to the novelty of the program and the legal status of marijuana. This is all exacerbated by the lack
14 of licensees to spread cost across, as well as the inability of DOH to retain any fees.

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16 Further, Compassion Centers appear to be retail dispensaries for medical marijuana given the absence
17 therapeutic treatment service delivery. This function is similar to that of retail pharmacies regulated by
18 the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Further consideration may be given to the
19 appropriateness of DOH regulation given the current model of compassion centers, as at a minimum the
20 effort and administrative overhead may be duplicative.

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22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Graham Ellis

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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.

The pilot project does not help patients on the Big Islands, it also does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source.

There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.

Establishing compassion centers solves a gray area in the law that established the current medical marijuana program.

Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply.

Compassion centers are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity.

Patients are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1458 SD2 HD1
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH**

by

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House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 02:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 325

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) does not support Senate Bill 1458 SD2 HD1 that proposes to amend Hawaii's Medical Use of Marijuana Program by establishing a five-year medical marijuana distribution pilot program under the Department of Health in the County of Maui to include new provisions for a dispensary (Compassion center for profit sales), that will cultivate and distribute marijuana for patients in Hawaii's Medical Use of Marijuana Program. Senate Bill 1458 SD2 HD1 also proposes to establish a special marijuana sales tax on sales of medical marijuana and to establish fees for the issuance and renewal of marijuana dispensary and manufacturing license.

PSD feels that the amendments being proposed by Senate Bill 1458 SD2 HD1 are premature and unwarranted due to the fact that Federal law has not

changed. Federal law enforcement agencies are still making arrest and conducting raids on these so-called state registered medical marijuana dispensaries in states like California and Oregon where there are established dispensaries. In August of 2009, Hawaii's Legislative Reference Bureau research Attorney Lance Ching in response to Act 29, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009 wrote a White Paper on the "Access, distribution, and security components of state medical marijuana programs. His conclusion after researching the medical use of marijuana programs in all of the then 13 states was as follows:

"Clearly, policies and procedures are being developed to address the issues of access, distribution, and security with regard to the medical use of marijuana. However, these policies and procedures appear to be in a vary early stage of development and do not, as yet provide an established model with a proven ability to successfully address these issues—seeing how they develop, how they approach the obstacles they are likely to encounter, what methods are successful versus what methods prove problematic—will, no doubt, prove informative and valuable in determining how Hawaii chooses to address the issues of access, distribution, and security with regards to its own medical marijuana program."

A White Paper done in 2009 by the California Police Chiefs Association's Task Force on Marijuana Dispensaries on California's Medical use of marijuana program and marijuana dispensaries had the following conclusions:

"In light of the United States Supreme Court's decision and reasoning in

Gonzales v. Raich, the United States Supremacy Clause renders California's Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and Medical Marijuana Program Act of 2004 suspect. No state has the power to grant its citizens the right to violate federal law. People have been, and continue to be, federally prosecuted for marijuana crimes. The authors of this White Paper conclude that medical marijuana is not legal under federal law, despite the current California scheme, and wait for the United States Supreme Court to ultimately rule on this issue.

Furthermore, storefront marijuana businesses are prey for criminals and create easily identifiable victims. The people growing marijuana are employing illegal means to protect their valuable cash crops. Many distributing marijuana are hardened criminals. Several are members of stepped criminal street gangs and recognized organized crime syndicates, while others distributing marijuana to the businesses are perfect targets for thieves and robbers. They are being assaulted, robbed, and murdered. Those buying and using medical marijuana are also being victimized. Additionally, illegal so-called "medical marijuana dispensaries" have the potential for creating liability issues for counties and cities. All marijuana dispensaries should generally be considered illegal and should not be permitted to exist and engage in business within a county or city's borders. Their presence poses a clear violation of federal and state law; they invite more crime; and they compromise the health and welfare of law-abiding citizens."

The White Paper also discussed problems posed by Marijuana Dispensaries. The report found that in California marijuana dispensaries are

commonly large moneymaking enterprises that will sell marijuana to most anyone who produces a physician's written recommendation for its medical use. These recommendations can be had by paying unscrupulous physicians a fee and claiming to have most any malady, even headaches. While the dispensaries will claim to receive only donations, no marijuana will change hands without an exchange of money. These operations have been tied to organized criminal gangs, foster large grow operations, and are often multi-million-dollar profit centers.

Because they are repositories of valuable marijuana crops and large amounts of cash, several operators of dispensaries have been attacked and murdered by armed robbers both at their storefronts and homes, and such places have been regularly burglarized. Drug dealing, sales to minors, loitering, heavy vehicle and foot traffic in retail areas, increased noise, and robberies of customers just outside dispensaries are also common ancillary byproducts of their operations. To repel store invasions, firearms are often kept on hand inside dispensaries, and firearms are used to hold up their proprietors. These dispensaries are either linked to large marijuana grow operations or encourage home grows by buying marijuana to dispense. And, just as destructive fires and unhealthy mold in residential neighborhoods are often the result of large indoor home grows designed to supply dispensaries, money laundering also naturally results from dispensaries' likely unlawful operations.

According to a paper put out by the Colorado Drug Investigators Association "The majority of dispensaries are in business to make large profits

under the guise of compassion for the patients. Some have become marijuana recreational clubs. The prices they charge the patient for marijuana ("medicine") ranging from \$150 to \$480 an ounce is outrageous. Patient's Choice dispensary owner (*Denver Post* 10/30/09) estimates grossing \$8,000 to \$10,000 a day. Using an average of his own numbers, he is selling 25 ounces a day, the equivalent of 1,400 doses or close to 10,000 doses a week. That's just one dispensary. A dispensary owner in Colorado Springs claims to be a caregiver to 1,200 patients and grosses \$160,000 a month, personally netting between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a month. He further admitted he pays between \$70,000 and \$90,000 a month for product (marijuana) but didn't reveal what third party drug trafficker he buys from. That would equate to distributing between 20 to 50 pounds a month or 240 to 600 pounds of marijuana a year and that's just one dispensary. A question addressed by the White Paper was "***What are the CO dispensaries' charging patients for their marijuana?*** **Response:** The answer varies depending on the dispensary but we have documented them selling marijuana from anywhere from \$150 to close to \$500 per ounce (one ounce equates to approximately 56 marijuana cigarettes). By comparison, a patient's production cost for the same amount of marijuana that they could provide for themselves would be less than \$25 per ounce or, through a legitimate primary caregiver, for approximately \$65 per ounce if the patient is paying for the supplies and caregiver's time. Is this compassion or profit?

Question? Given the poor state of our economy, wouldn't taxing marijuana dispensaries boost our government's income? **Response:**

Taxing marijuana would create additional revenue. However, experience shows the additional revenue would not even come close to offsetting additional costs associated with increased use. The two legal substances which are already highly taxed prove this point. Taxes on alcohol account for \$14.5 billion in revenue but alcohol abuse costs \$185 billion. In the case of tobacco, taxes account for \$25 billion but the cost to society is \$200 billion. That means taxes pay for 8% and 12% respectively for all the adverse effects of alcohol and tobacco use. It doesn't require a degree in economics to understand a poor investment. One can reasonably expect the same type of figures with marijuana taxation." An probably less due to the fact that most of the marijuana sales at dispensaries are cash transactions.

For these reasons, PSD does not support Senate Bill 1458 SD2 HD1 and ask that it be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 22, 2011

RE: S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1; RELATING TO HEALTH.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoades, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in opposition to S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1. The purpose of this bill is to establish a 5-year pilot program for the commercial cultivation and sale of medical marijuana, via a single licensed dispensary in Maui county.

At this time, State law permits the limited possession, use and cultivation of marijuana to individuals bearing certain exigent and closely monitored medical conditions (and their caregivers). State law does not permit or provide for the commercial production, processing, sale and/or distribution of marijuana, which continues to be categorized as a Schedule 1 controlled substance in both State and Federal drug schedules. Even with the security measures outlined in the current bill, there is enormous potential for abuse and negative impact on the public, and the Department is strongly opposed to opening the doorway for commercial production, processing, sale and/or distribution of marijuana in Hawaii.

According to S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, the pilot program licensee would be allowed to carry up to seven marijuana plants and six ounces of usable medical marijuana per qualified patient and/or caregiver "per fourteen day period." The purpose and effect of the "fourteen day period" is unclear. In any case, allowing the licensee to carry such a large supply of marijuana plants and usable marijuana presents a very high risk that the licensee could be housing hundreds of pounds of marijuana at any given time, which not only poses a significant security and enforcement risk for the licensee, but also for law enforcement. Moreover, if it is contemplated that the pilot program may one day expand to allow more than one dispensary per county, this risk would likely grow exponentially.

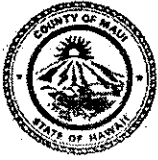
The Department is also concerned about the proposed increase in the amount of medical marijuana permitted for a patient's "adequate supply." Under current statutes, qualifying patients and/or caregivers may have up to three mature plants, with one ounce of usable marijuana per plant, in addition to four immature plants. If the adequate amount on Maui is increased to seven plants total, with two ounces of usable marijuana per plant, that would be nearly five times the current allowable amount. Furthermore, given that one ounce is equivalent to over twenty-eight (28) grams, and that the average marijuana "joint" tends to be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ grams, it would seem unnecessary for any qualifying patient and/or caregiver to possess up to fourteen ounces of marijuana at a time.

With regards to criminal background checks, SB 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 would prohibit any license or license renewal being issued to persons with a felony drug conviction in the past ten years, but would not prohibit persons with prior misdemeanor drug convictions. Pursuant to Section 712-1248, Hawaii Revised Statutes, promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree is classified as a misdemeanor, and includes possession of up to one pound of marijuana. Given the seriousness and particular relevance of this type of crime, the Department believes that persons with prior misdemeanor drug convictions should also be prohibited from obtaining or renewing a license, if the proposed pilot program is initiated.

Should the pilot program contemplate future initiatives that would allow for more than one medical marijuana dispensary per county, this also raises the question of how and to what extent dispensaries would be permitted to advertise their businesses and merchandise. With regard to other states that currently allow medical marijuana dispensaries, prior testifiers have indicated that Denver, Colorado now hosts approximately 300-400 such dispensaries, which is reportedly greater than the number of Starbucks locations in the entire state of Colorado. Many of these dispensaries openly advertise their businesses in public mediums.

We also understand prior testifiers have stated that Colorado currently has about 150,000 people registered as medical marijuana patients. With a state population there of approximately 5 million, this indicates that 1 out of every 33 people—accounting for every man, woman and child living in the state of Colorado—is currently registered to use medical marijuana.

Given that S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 would allow the proposed pilot program licensee to cultivate, process, stock and/or sell vast amounts of marijuana—which continues to be classified as a Schedule 1 controlled substance—and increases the permitted "adequate amount" of medical marijuana to alarming quantities, the Department strongly believes that this bill presents a high risk of abuse and negative impact on the residents of Maui county, and potentially on the public statewide. For these reasons, and based on all of the foregoing concerns, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney opposes S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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March 21, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Health

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Maui Police Department does not support S.B. No. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1. This bill proposes to create three classes of medical marijuana licenses: Class 1 medical marijuana compassion center license for the sale of medical marijuana to qualified patients; Class 2 medical marijuana cultivation license; Class 3 medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing license, which specifies requirements for each class. This will also make medical marijuana sales subject to income and excise taxes, establishes a fee for issuance and renewal of a license, and a special marijuana sales tax, effective 7/1/2050.

We feel so strongly about the adverse impact of this bill on our community, should it become law, that we will be providing live testimony in opposition by our department when this bill is heard.

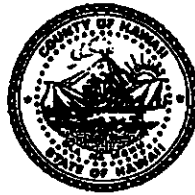
The Maui Police Department asks for your support in opposing S.B. No. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Senate Bill 1458, SD 2, HD 1, Relating To Health

Dear Representative Keith-Agaran and Members:

The Hawai`i Police Department **strongly opposes** the passage of Senate Bill 1458, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Health, which seeks to establish a five-year medical marijuana distribution pilot program in the County of Maui and specifies requirements for the licensing of a compassion care center.

A common theme for the creation of marijuana compassion centers and/or dispensaries is to create a "legal" means for qualified medicinal marijuana patients to access a supply of medicinal marijuana which will eliminate the need for the "black market" and "organized crime".

The first misconception is that the "black market" will not always exist. The "black market" will always exist to fill the needs of those who are "restricted" from obtaining marijuana under the medicinal marijuana laws. In this case, compassion centers that will already have the marijuana available in quantities are subject to selling out the back door. This also applies to qualified medicinal marijuana patients who know they can sell their "adequate amount" as there is another "adequate amount" waiting for them at the compassion center.

Additionally, the proposed legislation seeks to impose taxes, as stated: "*all sales of medical marijuana sold by the licensee pursuant to this Act shall be subject to a tax under chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that in addition to the tax imposed under chapter 237, an additional amount of tax shall be assessed at a rate to be calculated by multiplying the gross proceeds of sales of medical marijuana by a rate of thirty per cent.*" This will in turn boost the price of legal medical marijuana and create a "black market" for the cheaper non taxed marijuana. It may also create a temptation for these compassion centers or patients to sell their medicine "under the table" for more profit.

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The second misconception is that “organized crime” will disappear. As a matter of fact, there is minimal, if any, evidence of ties to “organized crime” and marijuana cultivation in our county at this time. Compassion centers will in fact draw organized crime to Hawai‘i in the same way as they were drawn to British Columbia who is in the midst of a fierce rivalry between the Hell’s Angels and Vietnamese gangs for control of the marijuana trade.

A white paper done in 2009 by the California Police Chiefs Association’s Task Force on Marijuana Dispensaries on California’s Medical use of marijuana program and marijuana dispensaries discussed problems posed by Marijuana Dispensaries. The report found that in California marijuana dispensaries are commonly large moneymaking enterprises that will sell marijuana to most anyone who produces a physician’s written recommendation for its medical use. These recommendations can be had by paying unscrupulous physicians a fee and claiming to have most any malady, even headaches. While the dispensaries will claim to receive only donations, no marijuana will change hands without an exchange of money. These operations have been tied to organized criminal gangs, foster large grow operations, and are often multi-million-dollar profit centers.⁽¹⁾

Furthermore, the report cites that because these dispensaries are repositories of valuable marijuana crops and large amounts of cash, several operators of dispensaries have been attacked and murdered by armed robbers both at their storefronts and homes, and such places have been regularly burglarized. Drug dealing, sales to minors, loitering, heavy vehicle and foot traffic in retail areas, increased noise, and robberies of customers just outside dispensaries are also common ancillary byproducts of their operations. To repel store invasions, firearms are often kept on hand inside dispensaries, and firearms are used to hold up their proprietors. These dispensaries are either linked to large marijuana grow operations or encourage home grows by buying marijuana to dispense. And, just as destructive fires and unhealthful mold in residential neighborhoods are often the result of large indoor home grows designed to supply dispensaries, money laundering also naturally results from dispensaries’ likely unlawful operations.

As stated, the purpose of this proposed legislation is to establish a licensing system under the Department of Health for the distribution of medical marijuana. It is ironic this Act would propose the licensing system fall under the Department of Health’s authority when according to the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health’s website, their mission is “to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai‘i.”⁽²⁾

This measure cites that one problem for medical marijuana patients and caregivers, is the impossibility of “most patients and caregivers to acquire the expertise, time, and intense

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cultivation skills to produce an adequate supply of medical cannabis that is medically effective.” According to a study conducted by the University of Mississippi, from 1980 until 2007, the THC potency of marijuana has increased 151%, with THC potency levels at approximately 1.5% in 1980 versus approximately 10% in 2007.⁽³⁾ In 2010, a sample of recovered marijuana from the Big Island was analyzed by the University of Mississippi and determined to contain over 14% THC. It is apparent that with the current medical marijuana program, caregivers and patients are able to develop and refine their marijuana cultivation skills, in turn producing high-grade marijuana, which is a far cry from being “low quality and ineffective as medication” as described by the authors of this act.

Lastly, this proposed legislation ignores the fact that selling and distributing marijuana is illegal, therefore, to approve this act would require blatant disregard of the Hawai’i Revised Statutes. Furthermore, this act is also contrary to the mission of the State of Hawai’i Department of Health, the agency expected to oversee this proposed program.

For the reasons above, we **strongly urge this committee to reject Senate Bill 1458, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Health.**

Thank you for allowing the Hawai’i Police Department to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,



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Committee: Committees on Judiciary
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 325
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 1458, SD2

Dear Chair Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of S.B. 1458, SD2, the Senate version, which creates a medical marijuana distribution system. The ACLU of Hawaii was a member of the Medical Cannabis Working Group, which found that the most urgent need according to most patients is the establishment of a legal, safe, and reliable source for their medicine. The Senate version of this measure, S.B. 1458, SD2, would go far to help Hawaii's medical cannabis patients legally obtain their medicine. We urge this Committee to amend S.B. 1458, SD2, HD1, to reflect the version passed by the Senate as S.B. 1458, SD2.

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.

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To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
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From: Jay Fleming, on behalf of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition
RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support Senate Version

Distinguished members of the Committee, thank you very much for the opportunity to present the views of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) in favor of SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health. I fought against the drug trade for 15 years, including time spent as an undercover narcotics officer. I am a speaker for LEAP, an organization of 35,000 current and former criminal justice professionals and civilian supporters. We are cops, sheriffs, prosecutors, judges, prison guards and others from nearly every level of law enforcement.

As a former officer, I know that the voice of police is crucial in the dialogue about drug policy. But in the case of medical marijuana, physicians, caregivers, and patients are the ones who should be making decisions about medical care. It is inappropriate for the police to substitute our judgment for that of physicians and those in need of the care of physicians.

When it comes to the message we are sending our children about marijuana, the message should be the same as for all other medicine: that medicine is to be used under a doctor's care and not to be abused.

As someone who is both a law enforcement officer and a patient, I can tell you that the only parties with authority on who requires what type of medicine and how it should be used are the doctor, the patient, and the caregiver.

One area where law enforcement is qualified to speak regarding medical marijuana is in the area of public safety. Patients need to have access to adequate amounts of medicine, however much that is deemed to be, so that they do not need to search for that medicine in the streets, risking their safety and benefiting illicit drug dealers. Patients need dispensaries as a secure and safe place to access medicine. Forcing patients to go into the streets to buy marijuana benefits the criminal element and threatens patient safety.

We urge you to take the opinions of doctors, caregivers, and patients into account and pass the improvements to the Hawai'i medical marijuana laws contained in SB 1458 SD2 HD1.

Testimony in Opposition to SB 1458 SD 2 HD1 – Relating to Health

March 22, 2011

2:00 pm, Room 325

TO: Committee on Judiciary
Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoades, Vice Chair

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Please accept this testimony in opposition to SB 1458 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Health that establishes a five-year pilot program for medical marijuana distribution in Maui County. The program will be regulated by the Department of Health.

While the bill insures no prosecution to the licensed marijuana dispenser, it is in direct conflict with Federal law on the production, sale and distribution of marijuana. It is unclear how the federal authorities will react to this program.

Also of concern is the potential for inadequate supervision and oversight of the program given the provision this bill that allows for not only Hawaii residents, but out-of-state people to utilize the dispensary with temporary certification. Cities like Los Angeles, CA had significant problems regulating the proliferation of marijuana dispensaries and experienced the lack of controls, increased crime, and the lowered quality of life in the neighborhoods they established themselves in. DOH with limited resources due to state cutbacks and no experience with medical marijuana would have a difficult time ramping up its regulatory system to be effective overseeing the program. Certainly, Maui residents would have reason for concern why their island is being singled out.

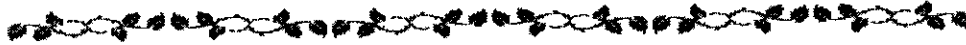
SB 1458 SD2 HD1 also proposes to assess licensing fees and tax marijuana sales of the dispensary thereby increasing state revenues. However, from national experience with legal drugs of alcohol and tobacco, the social costs of increased law enforcement, state regulation, and health and welfare related costs will far exceed any tax revenues gained ten-fold.

Finally, this bill sends the wrong message to our youth. The liberalizing of medical marijuana laws will further erode community prevention efforts especially for our youth by decreasing the perception of harm and increasing access (by "shoulder tap"). Marijuana use will increase especially for our youth. This bill's introduction also comes at a bad time when millions of dollars of state funding for non-school hour program, cultural arts, and other positive youth development programs are being cut leaving our youth with more unsupervised and unstructured time on their hands and more opportunities for alcohol and drug use and other related negative behaviors. Please vote NO on SB 1458 SD2 HD1.

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Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair

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Tuesday March 22, 2011

Room 325

2:00 p.m.

SB 1458 SD2, HD1 - STRONG SUPPORT for Compassion Centers IN SD2 VERSION

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>

Aloha Chairs Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative working on prison reform and justice issues in Hawai`i for more than a decade. We respectfully offer our testimony always being mindful that Hawai`i has some 6,000 people behind bars with almost 1,800 individuals serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons stands in strong support of this compassionate measure in the SD2 version.

Hawai`i's medical marijuana program was the first in the nation to be passed by a state legislature. At the time, our legislature passed this law as compassionate legislation, responding to the many requests of patients for relief from their suffering.

I was then and remain a strong supporter today, having served as a caregiver to several terminally ill individuals. I have seen, first hand, how medical cannabis relieved their nausea from chemotherapy and from the prescription medications and helped them to eat, since loss of appetite is quite common. I am absolutely convinced that my friend Adam lived years longer than his doctors predicted because his appetite was stimulated by cannabis.

On the other hand, I watched my mother suffer in excruciating pain, literally wasting away, and dying at 45 pounds.

Sadly, when we passed this progressive legislation, we left the patients to fend for themselves.

This bill will provide immediate access to those patients. It is the humane thing to do.

DOH testified that it will put them in conflict with federal law. Please remind this agency that the constitution provides for states' rights. The decision to have a medical marijuana program in Hawai'i and the other states that sought to relieve the suffering of their citizens was a state decision and constitutionally sound.

It was shocking and very disappointing to hear law enforcement arrogantly say that they will continue raiding patients in complete defiance of the law they swore to uphold. Don't we have 6,000 people incarcerated who defied the law? Please remind law enforcement that their role is not to make policy; it is to enforce the law made by you, Hawai'i's policymakers?

Please don't criminalize sick people by forcing them to go to the black market to relieve their pain. And don't give in to threats and intimidation. This bill is about compassion and access to relief.

We respectfully ask that you pass this bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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March 22, 2011

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Jeanne Ohta, Executive Director

Re: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support Senate Version

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i writes in strong support of the senate version of SB 1458 SD 2 HD1 Relating to Health which would establish medical marijuana compassion centers. HD1 creates a pilot project of a single dispensary in the county of Maui and certain other restrictions.

Federal Laws do not Preempt State Medical Marijuana Laws

In December 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a landmark decision in which California state courts found that its medical marijuana law was not preempted by federal law. The state appellate court decision from November 28, 2007, ruled that "it is not the job of the local police to enforce the federal drug laws."

After the United States Supreme Court ruled on *Gonzales v. Raich* (125 S. Ct. 2195, 2005) Attorney General Mark Bennett made the following statement:

"This ruling does not overturn Hawaii's law regarding medical use of marijuana. The State of Hawaii will continue its medical marijuana program." He also said, "An act that is criminalized under federal law is not necessarily a criminal act under state law, and vice versa. The federal government decides what acts are criminal in the federal system, and each state decides what acts are criminal in each state system."

Patients need a legal, safe, and reliable source of medicine now. The medical marijuana program is almost 11 years old. They should not be forced to wait five more years for a legal source of medicine.

There are programs in other states that Hawai'i can look to draft sensible regulations. Hawai'i has the opportunity to design a program to fit the needs of our patients based on the experiences in other states.

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Comments on Pilot Project (HD1)

- The proposed pilot program is so restrictive that it will not assist in developing sensible regulations.
- The proposal also has provisions that will violate the health privacy rights of patients. A similar provision has been challenged in Colorado.
- The 30% excise tax is just bad policy. It is unconscionable to tax seriously ill people with such a high tax rate and it unintentionally supports illegal drug dealers by making the street market cheaper than the legal market. The intent of this legislation is to provide a legal source of medicine for patients, not create a supply that is so expensive that it drives business to street dealers.

Compassion Centers

The most urgent need according to most patients is the establishment of a legal, safe, and reliable source for their medicine. Establishing a system for compassion centers is certainly one way of fulfilling the need of patients and solving a gray area in the law that established the current medical marijuana program.

Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient.

Dispensaries are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity. Patients should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

We hope that Hawai'i will have a system with sufficient controls, but not so overly restricted as to make it difficult for patients to have reasonable access to the medical cannabis that they need. We believe that which system is instituted, the focus should be on the needs of the patients.

We urge the committee to pass this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Information on Medical Marijuana

Federal Policy:

In a memo from Attorney General Eric Holder to U.S. Attorneys, October 19, 2009, the Department of Justice will not pursue cases against patients and others in the medical marijuana states as long as they are acting in compliance with the relevant state law. The memo reads in part:

“The prosecution of significant traffickers of illegal drugs, including marijuana, and the disruption of illegal drug manufacturing and trafficking networks continues to be a core priority in the Department’s efforts against narcotics and dangerous drugs, and the Department’s investigative and prosecutorial resources should be directed towards these objectives. **As a general matter, pursuit of these priorities should not focus federal resources in your States on individuals whose actions are in clear and unambiguous compliance with existing state laws providing for the medical use of marijuana.** For example, prosecution of individuals with cancer or other serious illnesses who use marijuana as part of a recommended treatment regimen consistent with applicable state law, or those caregivers in clear and unambiguous compliance with existing state law who provide such individuals with marijuana, is unlikely to be an efficient use of limited federal resources.” [emphasis added]

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Many Organizations Support Access to Therapeutic Cannabis

American Academy of Family Physicians, American Medical Association’s Council on Scientific Affairs, American Nurses Association, American Public Health Association, and many others.

“ACP urges an evidence-based review of marijuana’s status as a Schedule I controlled substance to determine whether it should be reclassified to a different schedule. ... ACP strongly supports exemption from federal criminal prosecution; civil liability; or professional sanctioning, such as loss of licensure or credentialing, for physicians who prescribe or dispense medical marijuana in accordance with state law. Similarly, ACP strongly urges protection from criminal or civil penalties for patients who use medical marijuana as permitted under state laws. ... Evidence not only supports the use of medical marijuana in certain conditions but also suggests numerous indications for cannabinoids.”

— American College of Physicians, *Supporting Research into the Therapeutic Role of Marijuana*, 2008

Marinol is not the same as Marijuana

Marinol, available as a prescription pill, is 100% THC, the active ingredient of marijuana. Many patients cannot tolerate marinol and have better results by using the whole plant. Scientists believe that the whole

plant contains other ingredients that work with THC and thus is better tolerated and more effective for some patients.

Prescription Drugs

Available prescription drugs often come with far more serious side effects than marijuana, and many patients who find relief from marijuana simply do not respond to prescription medications. Smoking or vaporizing marijuana are much more effective delivery methods than pills for many patients: The drug works instantly, the dosage may be controlled by the patient, and there is no problem "keeping it down" since it cannot be vomited back up.

Cocaine, morphine, and methamphetamine may all be legally administered to patients — so why not marijuana, which has a far lower rate of dependency and on which no one has ever overdosed?

Marijuana is NOT a Gateway Drug

Marijuana is not now, nor has ever been a "gateway drug." The National Academy of Sciences found, "there is no conclusive evidence that the drug effects of marijuana are causally linked to the subsequent abuse of other illicit drugs."

Potency of Marijuana

There have been claims that today's marijuana is "not your grandfather's marijuana." According to the University of Mississippi's Potency Monitoring Project's 2009 report, the average THC (the psychoactive ingredient) in domestically grown marijuana, which comprises the bulk of the U.S. market—is less than 5%, a figure that has been unchanged for the last decade.

Medical Marijuana States have lower Adolescent Use

"Thus the data are very reassuring that in almost all cases medical marijuana legalized for adults does not lead to an increase in recreational use of marijuana by adolescents." "In Hawaii overall adolescent marijuana use is down but is within the margin of error." (California Pediatrician, Winter 2011, pg 12.)

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SB 1458 SD2, HD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

STRONG SUPPORT

ICE developed into the 'Gateway Drug' in Hawaii over the past two decades, while Marijuana has become the exit-way drug for Heroin, Crack, and ICE addiction. We knew of the dangers of alcohol and Meth in the 70s, so pakalolo became popular with the baby-boomers now coming of retirement age.

Opponents claim that a secure dispensary will put Pakalolo into the hands of teens. Hysteria at its best, the fact of the matter is that the kids have the stash – always have, always will – even if it's illegal. Pot isn't easy to grow, especially for an aging baby-boomer who lives in a condo – like me – and I'm getting to old to play the game of 'Catch me if you can' if/or when I need to buy a joint.

Leaders of our nation, which include President Obama, Senator Inouye, and Governor Abercrombie, recognize the importance of Medical Marijuana and have endorsed it. In 1988, thirty-four states had legalized Medical Marijuana, including Hawaii. Today, there are only 14, due to the Drug War that failed drastically. The same year, law enforcement and health experts warned of a new drug called 'ICE' which was replacing Marijuana at an alarming rate.

Medical Marijuana dispensaries are the fastest growing business in America, with over 2000 dispensaries in the U.S. while the “Pakalolo State’ has none. Hawaii is in a prime position to follow its West Coast neighbors, where the momentum is inescapable. The economic impact directly is significant, while the indirect impact is phenomenal.

I stand by my fears of alcohol and hard drugs, as I am a former heroin addict and my father died of alcoholism. Most important, I am vulnerable to relapse if I take the legally dispensed opiates in the everyday painkillers. Additionally, alcohol is just as dangerous, if not more so, because it is easily obtainable – not to mention that it has permanent effects on every major organism in the human body.

For these reasons and many more, I support and endorse this safe approach of establishing a pilot program on Maui, and ASAP.

Mahalo, Andy Botts



I do not support Senate Bill 1458. Marijuana is a Schedule I drug on the Federal Control Controlled Substance list. Schedule I drugs cannot be prescribed as medicine. The proper way to have controls and to provide a supply for patients would have been to reschedule marijuana to Schedule II. All efforts to reschedule marijuana in federal court failed. Hawaii then legislated marijuana as medicine, other states had voters allow marijuana to be used as medicine. Every medicine passes Food and Drug (FDA) criteria before they can be used by humans. Medicine is not determined by legislative process or voter referendums. There would be no need for this bill if marijuana was rescheduled to a Schedule II drug.

Los Angeles County and Denver have more marijuana dispensaries than Starbucks Coffee shops. The crime in and around these dispensaries exploded. Organized crime and criminal gangs saw profits to be made and muscled their way into dispensaries and grow operations. We definitely do not need more crime and organized crime activities in Hawaii.

Allowing even one dispensary, on a pilot program basis, will have negative consequences for the families and communities who live in Maui County. Legitimate prescription drugs are considered Controlled Substances and doctors, pharmacists, hospitals, and patients are covered by many laws that are designed to prevent misuse and abuse. Despite all of government's efforts to control and regulate prescription drugs, it is the second largest drug problem facing America today. Ironically, marijuana is the number one drug problem in the United States. There are currently very little controls for patients who have a permit to use marijuana for medical ailments in Hawaii. Do not add to the problem by allowing even a single dispensary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Pamela Lichty, MPH
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DATE: March 22, 2011, 10:30 a.m., room 329

RE: S.B. 1458, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 RELATING TO HEALTH – IN SUPPORT of
SENATE VERSION

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the Committee. My name is Pam Lichty and I'm testifying in qualified support of this measure on behalf of the Drug Policy Action Group. I also served as Co-Chair of the Medical Cannabis Working Group (MCWG) which was convened by Senator Espero last year. The Executive Summary of the report we issued one year ago is included at the end of my testimony.

We are in strong support of the establishment of medical cannabis dispensaries in Hawai'i. This was in fact the top priority for the Working Group. All of the stakeholders from patients to caregivers to physicians to the many people who were surveyed believed that it was imperative to address this glaring omission in Hawaii's medical marijuana program.

Having said this, we strongly prefer the Senate drafts of this measure. Having only one dispensary on Maui, as a five year pilot project, is simply unworkable and will not meet the needs of the more than 8,000 patients now registered with the state.

The program, as you are aware, has been in place since 2000, but has never been updated. In the meantime there are now fifteen other states plus the District of Columbia with programs in place, and there are now seven states (plus D.C.) which have dispensaries in place or in formation. Some of those jurisdictions have excellent systems in place.

Hawai'i is starting from scratch on the dispensary issue and has the opportunity to do this right. We are looking to states such as New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Colorado for well-designed and tightly regulated models. In these states, the dispensaries protect public safety while meeting the needs of the many patients they serve with attention to confidentiality, safe medicine, and high standards of care.

Here are some specific comments on this draft:

- With all these tested, regulated models in place here is no need to have a 5 year pilot project. We regard this as a delaying tactic which would leave patients on the other islands left dealing with the black market which is the situation dispensaries are supposed to address.
- The House draft does not allow cannabis to be taken out of Maui County. So even if patients from elsewhere had the wherewithal to get to Maui, it would do them no good since they could not bring it back to their home island.
- We support the provision for out of state visitors, with cards from their home states, to obtain temporary certificates to use the Compassion Centers (p.5). This makes a great deal of sense for a tourist destination like Hawai'i. But we believe the \$100 fee is too high since the average visitor is likely to be here for only 1-2 weeks.
- We are pleased to see that the measure would increase the definition of "adequate supply" and permit each patient to have seven plants (omitting the "mature/immature" definition which has proved problematic) and two ounces of useable marijuana per plant (p.6). While the intent needs to be clearer and the language is ambiguous, this was another recommendation of the Working Group and is a move in the right direction.
- We are very concerned with the privacy and constitutional implications of 24/7 video feed of patient transactions to law enforcement. There is contradictory language throughout subsections (m) and (n) on pages 10 and 11 as to under what circumstances records can be viewed and by whom and when they are "confidential."
- The requirement that photocopies of all "filled prescriptions" be maintained in a database available to law enforcement raises similar concerns (pp.10-11). Moreover the forms are not "prescriptions," since those are subject to FDA regulation; the correct term would be "recommendations."
- The change to "unannounced inspections" strikes us as overkill since there are other stringent security provisions in place. Similarly the criminal background check appears to be too wide-ranging; we believe the original five years check should be adequate (p.9).

- In terms of public safety concerns, the 600 yards restriction on placement from schools etc. is unnecessary (pp12-13). Dispensaries in other states have limits of 300-1000 feet, but none requires this much distance. In rural settings this may be workable, but in urban areas like Honolulu this is difficult to achieve and burdensome.
- The 30% sales tax on sales of medical marijuana is far too high (p.11). It would likely be passed on the patients and might make the dispensed cannabis more expensive than black market marijuana – which defeats the purpose of the dispensaries.
- We believe that it is very important to maintain the current system of caregivers and growing your own supply in parallel with any dispensaries which may be established. Many patients live in remote areas or may be disabled or too ill to travel to a Compassion Center. The language on p. 6, lines 8-11, is unclear as to whether this would still be permitted.

In sum, while we strongly support the establishment of medical cannabis dispensaries, we respectfully ask the Committee to substitute the Senate Draft or the original bill in lieu of House Draft 1 as you pass the bill on to Finance. This would meet both the spirit and the letter of the recommendations of the Medical Cannabis Working Group and address the needs of the 8,000 patients who have been waiting for more than a decade for safe and legal access to their medicine.

We anticipate your favorable consideration and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKING GROUP*

February 2010

The Medical Cannabis Working Group ("MCWG") convened in October 2009 to conduct a study and make recommendations to the 2010 Hawai'i State Legislature to improve the state's ten-year-old medical marijuana program.

The MCWG, tasked with completing the mission of Act 29, establishing the Medical Cannabis Task Force, which was enacted over a veto by Governor Lingle but never convened, examined current state statutes, state administrative rules, and all county policies and procedures relating to the medical marijuana program. Further, it examined issues and obstacles that qualifying patients, physicians, caregivers, and law enforcement officials have encountered with the medical marijuana program. MCWG also compared and contrasted Hawaii's medical marijuana program with all other states' medical marijuana programs.

Based on the results of its study and a public survey, MCWG recommends that the following immediate actions be taken by the Legislature to improve Hawaii's medical cannabis program:

- 1. Create a distribution system so that patients do not need to resort to the black market to obtain their medicine [emphasis added];***
2. Increase the allowable number of plants and the amount of usable cannabis to ensure that patients have an adequate supply of their medicine;
3. Allow caregivers to care for at least five patients to ensure that patients are assured of an adequate supply and a competent caregiver; and
4. Transfer medical marijuana program oversight from the Department of Public Safety - a law enforcement agency -- to the Department of Health.

Additionally, MCWG recommends that the Legislature take action to ensure that the program addresses patient needs such as enhanced confidentiality, presumptive eligibility, faster certification, and access to forms and other necessary documents on the program website.

MCWG also urges the Legislature to facilitate the development and implementation of policies and procedures to facilitate inter-island transport of medical cannabis, and direct the counties and relevant administrative agencies to educate law enforcement and public safety officers on the medical cannabis law as a whole.

Other recommendations address healthcare matters such as creating a protocol for adding new covered medical conditions; expediting coverage for hospice patients; and extending the validity of program certification for more than one year for patients with chronic conditions.

Finally, since not all of the problems with the program need to be addressed by legislative action, MCWG recommends that the Medical Cannabis Working Group be permanently convened to identify and help implement strategies, both legislative and administrative, to improve Hawaii's program.

* The entire report can be found on the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i website: www.dpfihi.org.

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March 22, 2011

To: Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
And members of the Committee on Judiciary

Comment on SB 1458 SD2, HD1 Relating to Health

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations is concerned about the potential for misuse of the medical marijuana that would be dispensed on Maui.

The bill allows up to 6 ounces of marijuana per user in a 14 day period, which seems like a very large amount for personal use. Hawaii Youth Services Network is concerned that some of this product could be diverted for sale to persons other than those with certified medical needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Clifton Otto, MD

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

The Bill, as it currently stands, does not even come close to improving access to medical cannabis for registered patients.

No legal business can survive with a 30% special tax.

Selecting Maui as the sole site for a dispensary is completely arbitrary, especially since the greatest number of patients is on the Big Island. Since inter-island transportation of medical cannabis is illegal, there should be dispensaries on each island.

A pilot program is not necessary. There are already several functional models for dispensaries/compassionate care centers in other legal states that have proven the concept.

Dispensaries should be For-profit, to avoid the risk of being raided by the DEA on charges of money laundering.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please provide a provision requiring that all dispensaries that sell medical cannabis must submit samples of their product to a state-certified lab utilizing a validated method for analyzing cannabis, so that the percentages and ratios of THC and CBD, along with assays for potential contaminants, can be made available to medical patients so that they can properly adjust the dose of their medication.

Thank you for your time.

JUDtestimony

From: Scott Foster [fosters005@hawaii.rr.com]
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RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Aloha Senators:

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

As a supporter of Medical Marijuana and the many patients who need it, this is just too important an issue for us to wait five more years for this program to be tested. 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 medication.

The pilot project, as proposed here, will not help patients on the other islands and it does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source. There is enough experience with compassion center models in other states to draft the needed regulations to indeed implement a full program in Hawai'i. A pilot program is not necessary.

Establishing such compassion centers indeed solves a gray area in the law that established the current Medical Marijuana program as passed in 2000 -- eleven years ago. Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. This is an impossible set of hurdles for most patients, many with debilitating diseases and conditions, to overcome. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient, many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums, others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft, and others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity. In short, patients using Medical Marijuana are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

Please revisit the Senate version of this measure and make the needed adjustments that would see this needed program implemented state-wide and as soon as is humanly possible. Thank you for your kind consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Scott Foster

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
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RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
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Support - if Senate version is improved

I live on the Big Island. I am a medical cannabis patient.

It is very unfair to have a test facility only on Maui. It is difficult to grow in Oahu, yet 1,000 patients will have to wait five years. There are 5,000 patients on the Big Island, but we too would have to wait five years to have safe access to medicine in a compassion center. How is that an improvement to the medical marijuana program? At least the Senate version will have locations on each island.

What happens after the five years is up? The draft says the program will cease to exist. Then what?

The current law does not allow for acquisition of seeds or clones. There is no way to find a caregiver. There is no legal way for one patient to help another. So, if only Maui is to get a test compassion center, then fix the law for the rest of us for these five years. Clarify the transportation issue too (the local paper said patients get arrested at the airport).

Where is the "aloha" in charging \$100 to visitors for a temporary license? Don't do it, please.

Kaipo Fernandez

Volcano, Hawai'i

PS: I don't have a computer and asked Friends for Justice to send this to you.

JUDtestimony

From: sara steiner [saralegal@live.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 12:26 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Sara Steiner
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Pahoa, HI 96778

Re: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support for Senate Version

Aloha from Pahoa! I am a medical marijuana patient from the Big Island of Hawaii. We desperately need compassion centers on every island, and they need to be tied to the amount of patients on each island. Medical marijuana patients have been left to the black market since the year 2000, and prolonging the agony with 1 dispensary on Maui for 5 years is not being compassionate, in fact it is giving in to the reefer madness propaganda from law enforcement and the federal government.

Taxing marijuana at 30% will only increase the price, and the black market will respond. No other medications are taxed at 30%, please stop making this an impossible achievement for the residents of Hawaii.

There is no reason to turn a dispensary into an homeland security experiment, requiring 24/7 surveillance and un-announced visits, and photocopies of all receipts is sounding like big brother, and will only lead to increased costs and paranoia for the medical patients.

And finally limiting transport is creating opportunities for prosecutions, which have already been happening for patients carrying even 1 gram of their medicine. How much money is wasted by arresting, prosecuting, probating, jailing people for a plant which is proven to cure cancer? What are you waiting for? I send you an appeal to overcome the big pharma, big DEA, big prison influence, and actually do something to help people. The statistics would lead me to believe that all of you will either experience cancer or another debilitating disease, or will know someone in your family who needs cannabis as a natural, non-toxic, non-habit forming, non-addictive cure-all for a large number of diseases. And when that happens, I pray to a higher power that you all have made it available to all people.

Mahalo,

Sara Steiner
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March 21, 2011

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Kevin Baiko, M.D.

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am testifying today in support of the Senate version to SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health. The changes that the House version makes to the original Senate version are not in the best interests of the medical cannabis patient community in Hawaii or the state as a whole. The original Senate version is well written and should be passed as is.

The most outrageous change in the House version was to set up a five year pilot program to establish a compassion center on only one island (Maui) while prohibiting transport of medicine (cannabis) off that island.

First off, why Maui? In terms of sheer numbers of registered patients, Big Island has a far greater need for a compassion center. In terms of sheer number of potential patients (with limited means/locations to grow medical cannabis), Oahu has a far greater need. I can certainly attest that a great interest/demand exists amongst my patients on Kauai who are medical cannabis users. Clearly, a need exists to have at least one compassion center in each county, if not more, as the original Senate version allowed.

I am also concerned about the so-called "pilot program" study. If elected officials truly wish to study how such a program might work throughout the islands, the study needs to take place throughout the islands. Each island is different, and while the operations of one compassion center could be easily undermined by unsupportive police authorities (as reportedly found on Maui), it would be much harder to undermine this pilot program if multiple centers (in multiple counties) were in operation. I am especially concerned that the proposed length of this pilot program – five years – might prevent better bills (like the original Senate version) from passing in the meantime.

When the original medical cannabis law passed both houses of the Hawaii legislature back in 2000, the law applied to all Hawaiians, not just those on one island. Why? Because a need exists throughout the Hawaiian community for safe and legal access to medical cannabis. The establishment of compassion centers throughout the state would further help meet this need and enable the state to regulate the provision of this need.

I understand that certain law enforcement authorities are concerned that they will have difficulty regulating and enforcing the legal sale of cannabis. But do they have difficulty regulating and enforcing the legal sale of tobacco and alcohol? Are they arguing for tobacco and alcohol prohibition? Besides being a safer, less addicting alternative, how would regulating cannabis sales be different? Honestly, the only reason I can see any police officer opposing such a thing is that they somehow personally benefit from the illegal sale of cannabis in the state. The underground cannabis market exists largely because the government (state and federal) have made a substance which is in high demand (cannabis) illegal. While the scope of this bill is limited to medical cannabis patients, those are the people who need the cannabis most! The original Senate version of this bill would do much to bring the underground cannabis market into the light. It would provide an outlet for individuals to apply their cannabis growing skills legally. And it could generate revenue for all counties.

I must also take issue with the proposed 30% tax on medical marijuana products. This is just another example of the double standard that exists between medical cannabis and all other medicines. Does the state impose a 30% tax on prescription medicines for high blood pressure or diabetes? How about over the counter medicines like Tylenol or cough syrup? Why not? Because it would be an outrage (especially to "health" insurance companies)! Many many more people would be unable to pay for their needed medicine. The general welfare of our state would be greatly worsened. So why is this double standard being applied to cannabis? Now I could understand taxing cannabis sales if it was fully legalized and was being purchased for recreational use. But unfairly taxing the sale of cannabis for medicinal use is really despicable.

One last concern I have about the House version of this bill is the inclusion of the federal Food and Drug Administration in the regulation of cannabis containing consumables. That seems like a Trojan Horse to the entire bill. The DEA doesn't recognize state law concerning medical cannabis. Having such an organization involved would intimidate potential customers to say the very least and perhaps sabotage the entire pilot program. This is a state law and should remain so.

Please do NOT allow SB1458 to pass as amended by the House. It would be a disservice to medical cannabis users throughout the state (including Maui). The fact that medical cannabis patients can (as able) legally cultivate and use their medicine is an important first step in putting a compassionate end to an inhumane drug war that undermines the general welfare of the state. The establishment of compassion centers throughout all counties in Hawaii is the logical and much needed next step. As such, SB1458 needs to remain as originally passed by the Senate.

Sincerely,

Kevin Baiko, M.D.

JUDtestimony

From: Scott Temple [patempl@yahoo.com]
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Subject: RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Scott Temple

RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Good people: I support the senate version.

I would like to see compassion centers.

* The amended House version of SB 1458, or the "pilot project" would not help patients on all islands. It would only provide safe access to medical marijuana for patients living on Maui.

* The experience of New Mexico and Colorado have proven that states can adequately regulate medical marijuana dispensaries negating the need for a pilot project.

* A 30% tax is an exorbitant rate to charge on a medicine that insurance will not pay for. If medical marijuana is taxed at all in Hawaii, it should be taxed at the standard excise tax rate for most goods and services.

* 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 individuals are 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 and prevent patients from having to go to drug dealers for their medicine.

* According to an October 2010 CNBC article, tax revenue from medical marijuana dispensaries are bringing in about \$50,000 a month for the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

* The Senate version of SB 1458 provides adequate state oversight to ensure that medicine is not diverted into the criminal market.

Thank you.

aloha,
Scott Temple

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Support - support Senate version if revised

I live in Hawai'i County and am a medical cannabis patient. Why would you have a single compassion center on Maui as a trial program for five years? How is that fair to all the other patients on the other islands?

There should be at least one test location on each island (and really, there should be more on the Big Island because of the size of the island and the number of patients).

I was arrested and found guilty by Judge Florendo in Kona of travelling through the state with my medicine, even though the law allows (however the police disagree) that a patient can. If there are no compassion centers on each island, **then the law must be clear to allow a patient to travel inter-island!**

Please make the law clear, so that everyone (patients, police, prosecutors, judges) know what is acceptable. The current law is clearly too vague.

There is a difference between medical "use" in public (illegal) and medical "possession" in public (legal)!

Some people will utilize the compassion centers, while others will prefer to keep growing their own. Make sure both groups are treated fairly.

Mahalo for your attention on this matter,

Geoffrey Woodhall
Captain Cook, HI

JUDtestimony

From: Deirdre Tavares [moana.tavares@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:19 AM
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Subject: SB 1458 SD2 HD1

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Support – but prefer Senate version

I am a medical marijuana patient living on the Hawaii Island.

I am also a cancer patient, currently undergoing chemotherapy on Oahu every two weeks.

The police have been arresting patients at the airports, and a judge found a patient guilty in Kona recently, so I must smuggle medicine to Oahu (or take a risk buying it on the black market in Honolulu...or not have any medicine at all). Having only one compassion center on Maui for a test period of five years does not help me, or most other patients, at all. At least there should be one location on each island for the pilot program.

If there is only a compassion center on Maui, then you must fix the wording of the law so that patients can travel inter-island safely with medicine (just like with Oxycontin or any prescription), and so that they can travel in their car with it. (Actually, the wording must be fixed in any case. No patient should be arrested for travelling with their medicine.)

The medical marijuana program has been unchanged for 10 years, don't make us wait 5 more years (unless we all move to Maui).

Deirdre Moana Tavares
Hilo, HI

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Support with revisions

I am a medical cannabis patient residing on the Big Island.

I do support the intent of compassion centers, but the Senate version of this bill is better (but it needs revisions too).

Having safe access to good quality medicine was one of the main needs expressed by patients in the Medical Cannabis Working Group. But this current version only gives patients in Maui a pilot program, which is very unfair to patients on other islands (in fact the Big Island has 60% of all patients). At least each island should have one compassion center during any trial period. Five years seems very long to run a test program, why make patients on other islands wait so long?

For some, a compassion center will be the best choice to access their medicine, but for others, they will prefer to grow their own, or have a caregiver do it. So, do not take away the right of a patient or caregiver to grow their medicine.

Having a 30% excise tax is excessive, and eventually the patient will have to pay higher prices for medicine. This is very unfair to tax one form of medicine, while other prescription drugs are not taxed.

Not allowing patients to take medicine from Maui makes no sense...what are they supposed to do when the travel? Have no medicine? The legislation needs to clarify the transportation issue (at the airport and in a motor vehicle) as too many patients are being arrested and/or prosecuted for having medicine with them.

Charging out of state visitors \$100 for a temporary license is too high. There should be no extra charge to a tourist, they pay a lot of money to get to Hawaii in the first place. Reciprocity should be allowed at no charge (the same as in Maine, Montana, Michigan and Rhode Island). A patient with valid ID should be allowed into the compassion center. They will pay a sales tax on anything they buy, and that should be sufficient revenue for the state.

If there is only one compassion center on each island, a patient may have to travel a long distance before getting home, so they should be allowed to medicate on the premises. Since using medicine in public is not allowed, a patient needs a safe, secure location in private...which should be the compassion center.

Having a five year pilot program that will cease to exist also has the problem of finding someone to actually open the compassion center. What business person would start a business knowing that it will get shut down after 5 years? What provisions are there to allow the existing compassion center to continue to operate after the pilot program is finished?

Don't make the program about making money for the state. Getting affordable medicine with safe access to patients should be goal #1.

Thank you

Matthew Rifkin
Keaau, HI

JUDtestimony

From: George Fox [gfox@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:32 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony on SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair, Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: George Fox
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RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Aloha Senators:

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

Compassion centers are desperately needed by patients throughout Hawaii, not just on Maui where relatively few patients reside. Here on Oahu there are few places where cannabis can be safely grown. It cannot be grown in apartments houses or condos because of house rules. It cannot be safely grown in back yards because it will be stolen.

Compassion centers are legal in many other states so a trial period is not necessary, In plain language the 5 year trial period on Maui is idiotic!

Please pass the Senate version of SB1458, SD2.

Sincerely,
George Fox

JUDtestimony

From: Teri Heede [theede@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:01 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair & Committee Members,

I testify today in SUPPORT the Senate Version of SB1458 and a legal dispensary system but OPPOSED to SB1458 as it is currently amended.

I have had Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for 20 years and counting...because there is no cure for MS. MS is an immune system disorder and that means that my body thinks there is something inside that has to be destroyed...only it happens to be the myelin sheath that surrounds the nerves. Think of it like an electrical cord like the ones in your home, and imagine that the cover on the electrical cord just starts to dissolve, leaving the copper inside exposed. That is MS. The destruction creates lesions in the brain and on the spinal column and eventually the lesions on the brain become black holes. There is no cure and my symptoms include (but are by no means limited to) vision problems (chronic optical neuritis), mobility issues and incontinence.

I usually start my day sitting on the toilet with a bucket in front of me. That is not because of MS though, that is because my gastrointestinal system has been destroyed by prescribed pharmaceuticals. I have permanently damaged my stomach, bowels, liver and esophagus from medication that was approved by the appropriate drug approval processes, distributed legally by drug companies that required a legal prescription by a licensed physician.

None of those drugs helped me and many caused allergic reactions and drug interactions. For example: codeine gave me "suicide" and "cluster" headaches, NSAIDs eat through my stomach and interferon (an injectable drug that I was taught to inject into myself) caused chronic hepatitis. Clearly this approach is worthy of its own FAIL blog but not because the physicians and health care professionals were intentionally being failures. They just didn't have all the information or tools they needed to help me. You can change things today to make sure this doesn't happen to somebody else.

This legislation before you today was written with a clear intent to provide a mechanism to give a patient a safe, legal way to obtain their medication. The problem now is that the bill's original intent has become one business man with one dispensary in Maui for 5 years. That displays a

complete disregard for the needs of the majority of patients and clearly this solution is compounded by the intention to eliminate rather than augment our caregiver system.

This amended bill puts one business in place that responds to one aspect of the requirement to give patients a legal, safe mechanism to obtain cannabis.

I strongly support having compassion centers, but the pilot program should provide one center on each island. Five years is far too long to test it exclusively on one island and shows a complete lack of compassion for Hawai'i ill and dying.

Patients still require and want to retain the right to grow their own medicine or have a caregiver do it. The dispensary should not be the only option because for some patients, it is cost prohibitive. The dispensary is a business and not a non-profit. They won't be giving this stuff away and they don't want you to grow it because you have to come to them with your \$\$ and get whatever they have. The dispensary should be the option for the patient to obtain or exchange specific live plant strains and seeds but not the only place to obtain your medicine. I personally CANNOT afford to pay for all the meds I need and insurance will not cover it. I also require specific strains to treat MS. We need to expand our caregiver program and increase patient to caregiver ratio rather than eliminate it and tie a patient to one specific dispensary.

That brings up transportation issues that need to be addressed. Can I fly from Maui to here with my meds? Can I drive to my house from another location with my meds without fear of prosecution? We need to clear up transportation issues for patients traveling to and from Oahu for medical tests/procedures and doctor's visits.

Last thing I want to mention is that I really am surprised about the tax. I have never heard of such a thing on medication, especially 30%. If you are going to decriminalize marijuana and then impose this or some outrageously BIG tax on recreational use, Bless You. That would be fine and ultimately lead to the balancing of the state budget but, I don't think you should tax medication.

Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Teri Heede
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JUDtestimony

From: frankie stapleton [frankiestapleton@hotmail.com]
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Subject: FW: SB1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health (make 2 copies, please)

TO: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Aragon, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair,
Members of the Committee on Judiciary
March 22, 2011, 2 p.m. Room 325

FROM: Frances K. Stapleton

RE: Support for SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health (2 copies, please)

Aloha e Chairman Keith-Aragon, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of the Senate version of SB 1458 SD2 HD1 relating to health. As a journalist of many years observing modern Hawaiian history, I'm appalled at the recent adjustments imposed in this proposed law. It plays DIRECTLY into the hands of the ILLEGAL forces who have managed for many years the availability of this benign, non-narcotic herb that provides health benefits to so many of Hawaii's people. I urge you to reject the House version of this bill for the safety of the state's population, both for patient needs statewide and to eliminate the criminal element in the marketing of marijuana that particularly harms our young people.

Malama pono, Frankie Stapleton
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JUDtestimony

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"SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Edward Ramos [edward_ramos808@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:07 PM

To: JUDtestimony

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Edward Ramos

RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate version

I support the Senate version for the following reasons and mainly because of the traumatized experience with the law I had to experience when I voluntarily disclosed my marijuana residue in my bag when I got pulled over for expired safety check. I was humiliated in front of my apartment, arrested by the whole watch, taser gun pointed at me, used procedural scare tactics to try and find other drugs on me, confiscated my vehicle, and went through a lengthy frustrating court process. Lets not forget to mention that my name was advertised in the police blog like a criminal. I was being honest and all I wanted was to take and have my medical marijuana for my chronic back pain that the VA have neglected in providing proper care for disabled veterans like myself. Enough is enough. Let me have my medicine in peace.

- The amended House version of SB 1458, or the "pilot project" would not help patients on all islands. It would only provide safe access to medical marijuana for patients living on Maui.
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Mahalo for your time.

Edward Ramos

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Support – Senate version, with revisions

Having compassion centers and safe access to good medicine (in a variety of forms) at a fair price is important for many patients who cannot grow their own medicine. Limiting the pilot program to Maui means the vast majority of patients are shut out for five years.

Having a 30% tax on products sold will translate into higher prices for patients. Where is the "compassion" in that? And, if the price is too expensive it will probably keep them from signing up in the first place.

Oakland, CA and Berkeley, CA seem to have very good working models for dispensaries, why not use their example instead of creating a new pilot program?

The current law has not changed since the beginning 10 years ago, if this version passes, what happens to all the people who don't live on Maui? No change at all? No change in patient-caregiver ratio? No change in the language to define "concentrate" or the quantity required to make it? No change in how to acquire clones or seeds?

And don't even think of taking away my right to grow my own medicine (a plant). Some people may prefer a compassion center, and that's fine and we need to help those who can't grow.

Mike Ruggles

Mountain View, Hawai'i

Dictated to, and submitted by Friends for Justice

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To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee on Judiciary

For hearing Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2011, 2:pm, Room 325

Re: SB 1458 SD 2 Relating to Health

I am writing only in support of the Senate Version of this bill.

It is inhumane to create a medical marijuana bill and then force citizens with debilitating conditions to break the law in order to secure sufficient marijuana to deal with their condition. We need a place where legal marijuana can be purchased **ON ALL ISLANDS!**

The pilot project in the House version discriminates against patients on islands other than Maui!

The Senate version recognizes the difficulties in the current law and corrects them. The current House version only corrects the problem on Maui.

Compassion centers are needed because most marijuana patients are law abiding citizens who want a legal, reliable, and safe source for their marijuana. Many of them cannot grow their own, often because they live in apartment buildings or in areas where their plants are not protected from theft or vandalism. Others are too sick to grow their own and may not be able to find a caregiver.

I have recently published an Island Voices piece in which I point out that treating our marijuana users like criminals is a terrible discrimination against them because marijuana is a far safer substance than tobacco or alcohol. It is shameful that this discrimination exists and that making marijuana available in dispensaries is not widely adopted and a source of considerable income for the State of Hawaii.

Please, please, please adopt the Senate version of this bill.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony, which represents my personal views and not necessarily those of the U.H. or its Law School.



Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

Aloha

tho I support dispensary's to cover the unfulfilled need of folks who immediately need medicinal Cannabis the current bill is flawed I urge the committee to correct the following and only then pass the bill:

What the current (House) version does and my objections to these provisions:

1. Reducing its scope to only include licensure for one compassion care center on the island of Maui as a five-year pilot program;

this is mistaken as the majority of patients are on the Big Island and this does not help folks on the most populous island Oahu

2. Allocating all fees collected to the County of Maui;

again the majority of patients are on the Big Island and this, unfairly, does not allocate the funds where they are most needed

3. Requiring all food and other consumables sold on licensed premises to be regulated by DOH and the federal Food and Drug Administration;

this is over kill as cannabis is a safe herb whose seed is the worlds most perfect food for human nutrition and this requirement will eliminate the major way to ingest Cannabis without also ingesting the by-products of combustion

4. Prohibiting medication from the compassion care center from being transported out of Maui County;

this does not help patients on either Oahu or the Big Island who can not grow in their time of need

Please correct this bill and then help patients by passing it

Aloha

Rev. Dennis Shields

Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

We support having licensed compassion centers, but only one on Maui for a five year test means that the majority of patients will be unable to access medicine.

What are the other patients supposed to do? Will you increase the number of plants and dried, usable medicine allowed? Will you increase the caregiver-patient ratio so that experienced people can help those who cannot grow their own? There seem to be no improvements to the basic law, which has remained unchanged for 10 years.

What is the point of not letting a patient take medicine off Maui? We should be able to travel anywhere within the state. The current law is not clear, and needs to be fixed.

Patients need safe access to medicine, and the speed of change needs to be increased.

David and Wendy Tatum

Mt. View, HI

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RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1

Andrea Tischler [andreatischler@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 2:32 PM

To: JUDtestimony

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Andrea Tischler, Co-Chair of the Big Island Chapter of Americans for Safe Access

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support Senate Version

The Big Island Chapter of Americans for Safe Access strongly supports passage of the Senate Version of SB 1458. In no way can we support the five year pilot program in Maui if the other islands are not be included. We have more than 4000 patients on the Big Island which represents more than half of the entire state's registered patients. Our situation is dire and the need crucial. More than ever we need safe access to medical cannabis and a reliable and consistent supply. We cannot achieve that without compassion centers and we don't have the time to wait. We are law abiding citizens that do not to break the law every time we buy a seed or product.

It is unfortunate that the law passed in 2000 did not include language about how a patient may legally obtain their medicine. However, SB1458 is a way to solve this flaw and clear up a gray area in the current law. This is the perfect time to do the right thing following nearly 11 years of no change.

In addition to our previously submitted testimony in support of SB 1458 we would like to suggest the following amendments to the bill which will make cannabis more accessible to Big Island patients and make it fairer to all.

1. First of all delete the five year pilot program on Maui. None of the groups, patients and physicians agree to that. It will not work and defeats the extreme urgency and need for the creation of compassion centers. All the islands need compassion centers, not just Maui.
2. Returning to the original version of SB 1458, proportion the number of compassion centers on each island to the number of patients in the state rather than to the general population. There is no reason why Oahu should have 10 centers with far fewer cannabis patients and the Big Island should only have 6. The number of centers could be reapportioned every five years.

The Big Island's population is spread over 4000 square miles making it difficult to drive to a compassion center conveniently. Many patients are too ill to travel long distances. For convenience and safety reasons a greater number of centers should be located in the small communities shattered throughout the Big Island which are additional reasons why the Big Island needs a greater number of compassion centers.

3. Delete the \$100 fee for a visitor to register for a temporary permit to buy medicine at a compassion center. This unfairly penalizes a tourist who is, also, a patient. The tourist/patient cannot legally carry cannabis on board a plane. They need to be able to purchase their medicine when they get to their

Hawai'i destination. Replace this with reciprocity recognizing registered patients arriving from states that have medical cannabis laws.

4. Delete that each patient designate only one compassion center. Not all compassion centers will be the same on offering competitive prices, a variety of strains or in providing excellent quality and a medicinal grade product. Patients' comparison shop different pharmacies now for the best prices why should it be any different for medical cannabis patients?

5. Delete that the patient registry stays with the Dept. of Public Safety. The entire program belongs within the Dept. of Health.

Most of the other amendments we believe we can live with. At this point what is very urgent is that this bill with workable amendments needs to be passed by both houses and signed into law. It will be extremely beneficial to the patients to be able to access a reliable and consistent source of medicine in a totally safe environment. Mahalo Nui Loa.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I don't support this bill. I believe it will have a negative effect on the people of Hawaii.

Strong Support of SB 1458 Senate Version

Robert Bacher [bacher.robert@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 2:27 PM

To: JUDtestimony

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Robert Bacher

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure. A few of the newly proposed amendments could be good ideas.

3. Requiring all food and other consumables sold on licensed premises to be regulated by DOH and the federal Food and Drug Administration;
6. Requiring the compassion care center to be responsible for costs incurred for security and requiring a live video feed of its operations to be provided to law enforcement;
7. Requiring the compassion care center to be located no closer than 600 yards of any day care facility, preschool, or public or private school;

Please help give patients safe access with regulations and the state tax revenues.

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Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

"I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii"

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
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From: Vicki Vierra

RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate version

As a senior citizen who is also a medical marijuana patient, I want to see dispensaries on every island. Seniors should be able to obtain this simple remedy without resorting to the black market, or being a horticulturist. There is no good reason why cannabis should be singled out and discriminated against. It has been demonstrated over the course of the past ten thousand years to be the safest and one of the most effective medicines on the face of the earth for many different maladies.

I have had to watch two different elderly friends die of cancer without being able to get cannabis until just a few days before they died. Their suffering was incalculable, cruel, and totally unnecessary.

A thirty percent sales tax on this medicine is unjust and another example of the gratuitous cruelty that is heaped on individuals who have the good sense to choose a medicine with less side effects than pharmaceuticals.

States have demonstrated that they can manage dispensaries without the financial waste of a pilot project. We need to focus on getting this medicine to people as quickly and efficiently as possible. A single dispensary on Maui is absurd and a waste of time, money and personnel. We need cannabis dispensaries on every island now.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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Establishing a compassion care center and allowing marijuana to be distributed through this process will put at-risk, the decades of drug prevention work in which local government agencies, non-profit organizations and community organizers have invested in, to protect the people of Hawai'i from harm and/or injury of drug related offenses.

In environmental strategies of drug and alcohol abuse prevention for youth, accessibility and availability is a hard-pressed issue. A distribution facility is yet another means, for individuals who view medical marijuana as an opportunity for personal gain, to make the drug accessible to both adults and youth.

Our community social norms and attitudes regarding marijuana will be in jeopardy as well. Marijuana is an illegal substance. That's what we tell our kids. BUT establishing a compassion care center for distribution is harmless. The continuation of sending our youth mixed messages must come to a halt. Double standards don't work when it comes to public safety and the health and well being of our community.

Personally, Maui is a special place to me. Although I am not a resident of Maui, I have strong family ties to the Valley Isle. Kaupo is the birthplace of my grandmother, and my parents reside on Homestead land in Kula. To utilize any location in the great state of Hawai'i as "testing grounds" for medical marijuana is a travesty. I submit that we reserve valuable tax dollars by evaluating the hard lessons being learned from states repealing their medical marijuana laws as a result of increased violent crimes in compassion care center neighborhoods.

A key element to successful leadership is the practice of forward thinking. Please consider the negative impact that Bill SB1458, SD2, HD1 will have on the people and lifestyle of Hawai'i, now and fifty years from now.

Mahalo for your kind consideration of my testimony.

Brenda K. Jose

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Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Support compassion centers on all islands

Please find a way to have safe access to affordable medicine available to all patients on all islands. I am a senior citizen on a limited budget, how can a 30% tax make cannabis available to me at a reasonable price? It's not covered by insurance in the first place.

Patients can't use/smoke their medicine in public, so please allow them to use it in the compassion center. In California some places allow it, so Hawaii should too.

Michigan, Rhode Island, Montana and Maine all allow out of state patients to enter dispensaries and don't charge them for a temporary permit. We should have the same aloha.

Subhadra Corcoran
Kailua Kona, HI

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
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E-mail: bmurphy420@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Aloha

30 % Tav??

only 1 island 5 year pilot Project????????????????????????????????????

Creating Monopoly??

Better then nothing, I guess!

What wrong with our family Farmer growing this Cash Crop???????????????

Mahalo

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lester Wong

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do NOT support this legislation as I feel that it will detract from the family based community here. By allowing marijuana dispensaries, the public (including children) would not feel welcomed in that area which will be a hangout to users and abusers.

Thank-You.

FW: SB1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health (make 2 copies, please)

frankie stapleton [frankiestapleton@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 1:02 PM

To: JUDtestimony

TO: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Aragon, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair,
Members of the Committee on Judiciary
March 22, 2011, 2 p.m. Room 325

FROM: Frances K. Stapleton

RE: Support for SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health (2 copies, please)

Aloha e Chairman Keith-Aragon, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the House
Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of the Senate version of SB 1458 SD2 HD1 relating to health. As a journalist of many years observing modern Hawaiian history, I'm appalled at the recent adjustments imposed in this proposed law. It plays DIRECTLY into the hands of the ILLEGAL forces who have managed for many years the availability of this benign, non-narcotic herb that provides health benefits to so many of Hawaii's people. I urge you to reject the House version of this bill for the safety of the state's population, both for patient needs statewide and to eliminate the criminal element in the marketing of marijuana that particularly harms our young people.

Malama pono, Frankie Stapleton

PO Box 2094, Pahoa, HI 96778

To: Joint Senate Committee on Health and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
From: Leyona R Goldman, Honolulu, Hawaii
RE: SB 1458 Relating to Health
Position: Support with comments

I am testifying today in support of establishing compassion centers for seriously ill patients who qualify to use medical cannabis.
Although I have objections to several aspects of this bill as follows:

In regards to Section 2 Page 3 Lines 21, 22 Page 4 Lines 1-2

"Provides a safe and accessible distribution system for qualifying patients to designate a Compassion Center as their supplier of medical marijuana"

In my opinion this translates to; You are only allowed to go to one place and you have to tell us who you get your medicine from. I personally do not understand the need for this restriction, which clearly restricts my choices. What happens if the grower loses the crop? This will cause a trickle down effect that will clearly impact everyone from literally the ground up. As a patient I feel this imposes undue stress on choosing only one dispensary. It would be the same as telling me I was only allowed to purchase my cinnamon or sugar at a specific "Safeway Store" or risk losing my access.

In regards to Section 2 Page 4 Lines 10-19

Establishes a class 3 medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing license for creating medical marijuana-infused products to be distributed to class 1 licensees for sale to qualifying patients;

Myself being a patient and the fact this is the best route, for myself of administering a medicinal dosage of medical cannabis, I must object to the idea that the manufacturer can not have a store front. This is also clearly an attempt to implement limits on choice. This license requires infused products to be manufactured in a commercial building; but considering the legal ramifications it is utterly impossible to find rental property that will allow such businesses at a reasonable cost and the idea of purchasing property is simply not realistic.

Page 6 line 10- 14 S329-B Definitions

"Compassion center" means a class 1 medical marijuana compassion center licensee, other than the qualifying patient and the qualifying patient's physician, who has agreed to be the primary caregiver of the qualifying patient.

Clearly another attempt to restrict ownership of compassion center's from the very patients who need and use them. This is simply unrealistic to expect someone who is not a patient nor a caregiver to be knowledgeable or to be "compassionate" on the aspects of using medical marijuana.

Page 7 Lines 9 -21

"Collects from all licensees an initial licensing fee of \$20,000 for a class 1 medical marijuana compassion center license; \$10,000 for a class 2 medical marijuana cultivation license; and \$10,000 for a class 3 medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing license"

I do not understand the need for such exorbitant licensing fees for medical marijuana when the highest fee for an Consumer Cooperative with capitol stock is \$50.00; without is \$25, Agricultural Cooperative without capitol stock is \$25 and with is \$50 presently. What are the reasons behind charging such high fees?

In my opinion this is also a form of limiting access to those who may not have such cash on hand and gives me the feeling that this encourages "buying your way in" and an annual fee echo's extortion when the highest cost of a business license in Hawaii is around \$200.

Page 11 Lines 7-9

The business premises of a class 2 licensee may not be contiguous to a licensed class 1 medical marijuana compassion center;

This is contradictory to the plant limit already established under adequate supply on Page 22 Lines 14-22

Page 23 Line 1-6 Of 7 plants and 6 ounces per patient per fourteen day period

How can a compassion center not have grow facilities yet house plants for patients use or purchase?

This simply goes back to attempts to limit access to a single grower or dispensary. This is simply not acceptable.

Page 11 Lines 10-13

A class 2 licensee shall designate a class 1 licensee or a class 3 licensee as the business or nonprofit entity to which the class 2 licensee provides medical marijuana

This is clearly an attempt to restrict sales, Why should a dispensary be committed to one grower? Again, What happens if the grower loses his crop? Or doesn't have adequate supply? Where is the option to "shop around" for the best grower with the best product, this is only possible if you are able to sample the medicine for quality and not all growers will have specific strains to alleviate particular symptoms. This is no different than a grocer choosing multiple distributors for the best products for a reasonable price.

Page 12 Lines 19-22

Medical marijuana-infused products shall be prepared on the business premises that are used exclusively for the manufacture and preparation of medical marijuana-infused products

Again this restricts the option of the manufacture of medical cannabis products to a single grower. This is not feasible nor realistic. Again what happens if the crop isn't sufficient or is lost? Not all growers can grow every strain of cannabis. Specific strains help specific problems.

Page 23 line 22 page 24 line 1

Every qualifying patient shall only have one primary caregiver or one dispensary at a time

Again this is unrealistic when the variety of strains is immeasurable.

Page 24 Lines 5-7 , 13-18

(c) Primary caregivers shall register with the department of public safety. Every primary caregiver shall be responsible for the care of only one qualifying patient at any given time.

This needs to be moved to the Department of Health this is not a "safety issue" it is a issue of a persons health and wellbeing.

Again, this limit's the patients freedom of choice and could severely affect a patients health if the grower is unable to supply the dispensary with adequate supply or a variety of strains. This is unreasonable to limit a caregiver to a single patient, even a pharmacist has thousands of patients they dispense too with the written recommendation of a physician.

(e) For purposes of subpart B, the department shall allow out-of-state visitors who are qualifying patients or primary caregivers in their home state to obtain a temporary registration certificate; provided that there shall be assessed and collected an administrative fee of \$100 for the length of time of the visit.

This fee is outrageous, coupled with the 15% tax and the basic cost per gram this could equate to upwards of \$500 for a Visitor to our state to acquire adequate medication while visiting. With so many patients on disability this is simply unrealistic to imagine that someone on a limited income could afford such outrageous fees associated with traveling to another state and acquiring medication. I see this as no different that transferring a prescription to another pharmacy or refilling a prescription in the event medications are lost while traveling. I could not imagine going on vacation and having to pay \$100 just to walk into a pharmacy and pray they have what I need because the state limits my choice and I have one shot at picking the right dispensary.

I am a patient, not a criminal. I need this in order to live. The past few months it has become increasing more difficult to find decent medication for a reasonable cost. We need to have a resource for obtaining medication that is both safe and cost worthy.

I have tried to grow / cultivate, in fact I still am attempting; it is not as easy as tossing a few seeds into the ground. There is time, care and supplies involved so it is reasonable to expect to pay for those services if one is unable to grow for ones self and unable to find a reputable caregiver / grower. Which brings me to the question of where do you get seeds or plants? We need a resource for this as well.

There are instances where a patient would want to explore alternate means of ingestion of cannabis, such as infused products. Ie; tinctures, baked goods, candies. I get much better relief from this form myself personally.

At the age of 17 I was involved in a major motor vehicle accident. I suffered a fractured pelvis and multiple other injuries. My parents were even told I would never walk again. This started me on a crash course of addiction for the last 30 years.

I have suffered from Chronic pain, Fibromyalgia, Cyclic Vomiting syndrome, Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and a laundry list of other equally horrific maladies that have left me dependant upon opiates and at one time even a terrible methadone addiction directly caused by my "pain management doctor" who every time I said the medicine was killing me, he insisted "it the cheapest most effective medicine I can give you" Well, it almost cost me my life.

It took me over a year to get my life back. I struggle daily with severe pain and muscle spasms. Medical marijuana has been my saving grace. Without it I would be dead. My weight has plummeted from a healthy 125 lbs to a staggering 98 lbs at my worst. I struggle daily with intense nausea that is exacerbated by stress. It is not unreasonable for me to hope that my right to freedom of choice and the right to an informed decision would include the option to use whatever means necessary to have a quality life verses quantity. I want to live my life free of narcotics and free to medicate with the most natural form of pain relief possible. Which for me and millions like me is Medicinal Cannabis.

I respectfully ask for your support of these bills and thank you for your time.

Leyona Ruth Goldman
Honolulu, Hawaii
February 4, 2011

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Mayor



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Testimony of the
County of Kaua'i
Theresa Koki, Anti-Drug Coordinator

Before a Hearing of the
Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1458, SD2, HD1 which amends Hawaii's medical marijuana laws to create three classes of medical marijuana licenses to include new provisions for dispensaries or "compassion centers".

Through my research as the Anti-Drug Coordinator for the County of Kaua'i, I have found that marijuana is not the safe and harmless drug many people want you to believe.

The most recent study through the Archives of General Psychiatry shows that using marijuana may cause psychosis to develop in patients already predisposed to developing it, and in other patients, the drug may even cause psychosis. The study also states that it is increasingly clear that marijuana is a cause of schizophrenia, and that schizophrenia caused by cannabis starts earlier than schizophrenia from other causes.

In researching other state laws on marijuana, our Law Enforcement Committee has found that many of the dispensaries throughout the United States have become the target of violent crime. Many of the surrounding businesses where dispensaries are located have suffered as a result of the kinds of people that are frequenting these facilities.

I have recently read numerous articles on other states that are in the process of repealing their medical marijuana laws.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

This bill will have a negative impact on the quality of life of our residents. For these reasons, I do not support Senate Bill 1458, SD2, HD 1 and ask that it be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa C. Koki

Theresa Koki
Anti-Drug Coordinator



Medicine Buddhas and Bodhisattvas
Natural Cancer Wellness Foundation
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Oppose, completely Oppose SB1458 because it is totally CRAZY.

WE Support the safe and legitimate, controlled, regulated but free market distribution of Goods and Services.

The distribution of goods and services should be in harmony with the existent laws, rules, ethics and moral code prevalent in civilized modern society common and customary in Hawaii.

We can not afford anything worse than the liquor commission. [Not Really Joking]

The first step is to create a Tax Stamp like found on tobacco and alcohol products.

Second, copy the social and ethical safety standards restricting sale and possession of these more harmful products.

Third, Allow for free market distribution similar to existing marketing models for alcohol and tobacco.

Why? Because it works for these two more dangerous products and because it has been developed over years of marketing and regulation thereby working out the "kinks".

If the State wishes Marijuana products to be medically supervised, then the first step is again establish a Tax Stamp because the State wants more money and we need to feed the hungry beast.

Two Marijuana, Cannabis, needs to be rescheduled to a realistic tier away from Schedule I.

Three, adopt medical safety standards for physicians and patients through FDA, CDC etc.

number 4 for both of the above is to

Get Out of the Way, collect your tax, watch crime go down and see society prosper.

SB1458 is totally CRAZY

first you want to use State Rights to restrict Federal Law, which I Totally Support 100%.

but then you violate all constitutional, business and economic safeguards.

Under Murphy's Law, the unpublished version, it commands:

Only Break One Law at a Time.

If you are going to go up against Federal Law, respect all other Federal Constitutional and State Constitutional requirements as well as good business practices.

Don't screw up from the get go. Follow the tried and true, the tested and refined business models.

Fools rush in, wise men copy successful business and social models.

The House is CRAZY if you think some "Maui only" thing is going to sit well with the rest of Hawaii

or pass the Senate. That is designed to get the supporters to oppose the bill. Good job screwing thing up.

Out of State persons with valid Medical Marijuana licenses, prescriptions or certified medical recommendations should be able to access their medicinal drug needs without additional registration. Why? Cause, Any person with an Rx of any controlled medicine can fill that Rx in Hawaii. Why, go CRAZY on a non-toxic safe herb when worse drugs are OTC, alcohol, tobacco, aspirin and DM cough medicine.

Marijuana is safer than NSIAD and less hallucinogenic than DM cough medicine.

There are so many bad things about this bill that they are too many to mention.

The American Way is outlined in the beginning of this testimony.

The American Way is the Best Way.

Lets just go with that.

Or how about KCC Sat. AM Farmer's Market?

Home Grown, Local Produce, Local Herb

Local Style make you Smile

FREE HERBAL MEDICINE

Herbal Medicine is Free

JUDtestimony

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Robert Bacher
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Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:
To: The Judiciary Committee

From: Robert Bacher

RE: SB 1458 Relating to Cannabis
Hearing: Tuesday, 03-22-11 2:00PM in House conference room 325.

Position: Strong Support

I am writing you today very hopefully in strong support of SB 1458, which would finally allow Act 228 of June 14th, 2000 to begin to function for the patients and caregivers. For over 10 years now, patients, doctors, nurses, and other curious citizens have been trying to figure out a way to help each other without exposing themselves to potentially very serious legal liabilities. This bill will begin to help Act 228 function, give patients and police alike some guidelines to follow, and also generate much needed tax revenue for the general fund.

Ten years ago, after graduating high school in New York, I wanted to learn more about Cannabis and hoped to come out to Hawaii and work in a dispensary. Doctors I asked, had no idea what a blue card was and had no interest in getting involved with the Narcotics Enforcement Division. In the past ten years, the police have "politely robbed" me and arrested me 4 times for trying to provide safe access. Each time, approximately a dozen to 2 dozen officers and a few detectives ruined my day, took my vehicles, inventory, and other property. I have been very blessed and fortunate to have kept my freedom except for a few (about 9) days in jail total, but each time it has been financially devastating and personally depressing to be processed and treated as a criminal. As somebody who has been helping patients all along, I would be greatly relieved to be given an opportunity to be a respected AND productive citizen and the opportunity to make a living and pay taxes without fear. I like to think I'm unique, but the truth is that there are many people like me, who have been waiting to be taken seriously, not taken to jail! As frustration mounts, patience is replaced with anger at being seemingly entrapped in an admittedly large gray area between legality and criminal conduct. Both myself and the police would really appreciate your help and guidance. In the mean time, we're all wasting each other's time and resources in a time when there's nothing left to waste. Please give us a legal avenue to walk.

I may not have the means to open a "Compassionate Care Club" or Cooperative or Collective immediately, but I am still very excited about all of the ancillary, or support, businesses that wait to open. Legitimate businesses in this emerging industry include, but are not limited to; Clinical Analysis Laboratories, marketing, packaging, consulting, bakeries and delivery, nutrient companies, soil companies, lighting, and security (hello off duty police officers!). And also my latest attempt at trying something else, Real Estate. There is currently a tremendous amount of vacant commercial real estate that would enjoy the added demand and slow restaurants that would love complimentary neighbors.

Of course, all this is possible if this bill passes in a form closer the original form. Patients on all islands deserve safe access, and having a choice of providers (like going to Long's or Walmart) is necessary to ensure a good variety of edibles and strains and services. I would think from a judicial standpoint your committee would understand that it would be bad for everybody to allow a monopoly to occur. This bill should help all islands in terms of patients, public safety, business, economic recovery and employment. I also hope that your committee's perspective also understands that both resident patients and visiting patients are willing to pay sales tax or compassionate care centers would gladly incorporate similar to the earlier proposed \$30 per ounce tax. Like any other goods, if you impose excessive (sin) taxes, especially when only applying it to patients, won't go over well or effective in raising tax revenue, because it would most likely result in significantly higher prices, and therefore many patients may still have to rely on the black market.

As U.H. Economist, Lawrence W. Boyd, Ph.D. recently wrote The Budget Implications for Marijuana Decriminalization and Legalization report, and in his very conservative estimation, "Economic analysis of current public policies on marijuana reveals that Hawaii state and county governments could reap up to \$33 million annually in new revenues and cost savings if tax and regulatory policies were to replace law enforcement to control marijuana distribution. Furthermore, research indicates that enforcement expenditures of up to \$10 million each year statewide have failed to reduce the amount of marijuana available in Hawaii."

As Harvard Professor of Economics Jeffrey A. Miron wrote in his report, The Budgetary Implications of Marijuana Prohibition, "One issue in this debate is the effect of marijuana prohibition on government budgets. Prohibition entails direct enforcement costs and prevents taxation of marijuana production and sale."

If a well regulated, but fair and free market with healthy competition were to occur, and it was fairly taxed maybe at 8% an estimated \$4-23 million dollars at least annually added to the general fund and taken away from fueling the black market.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration of rationalizing policies regarding Medical Cannabis and helping patients finally get safe access.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 3:41 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: swartzg001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: gregory swartz
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: swartzg001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2011

Comments:

I oppose limiting this program to Maui. There are patients throughout this State who have debilitating pain and other conditions that would benefit from the availability of medical marijuana. Still, several years after the initial passage of the medical marijuana law, marijuana remains inaccessible to qualified patients without breaking criminal laws and being subjected to adverse actions by some unsympathetic law enforcement officials.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 1:08 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: marcyfrommaui@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marcy Crilley
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: marcyfrommaui@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2011

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill SB1458

I live with my family on Maui, and as a parent, I am concerned about drug abuse among children, as I am sure all parents are.

As a registered nurse, my job is always to be a patient advocate.

I understand the complexity of this issue and frankly, I believe that this plant or it's active ingredients needs to be treated like any other pharmaceutical drug regulated by the FDA, or else, using and growing the plant needs to be made legal in general, if we can not find something work able in between.

Children and adults abuse legal perscription drugs as much, if not more, than illegal ones. Many young children go to school on their Ritalian, and people work and drive using all types of medication, I agree it is an issue, but not limited to marijuana.

Why should people suffering from cancer, or any other disease, who's symptoms are relieved by the use of this plant be required to choose between being a criminal, or risking being the victim of criminal activity, or relief from physical suffering?

Please, put yourself in these people's shoes for a minute.

Imagine if you were vomiting all day, or had to deal with intractable pain and you knew there was something that takes the pain or vomiting away and provides you relief, but you have to risk going to jail, or leap through hoops to do so?

This is extremely cruel.

This one group of people in power dictating which people can have medical treatment and be given relief based on their own fears or agendas.

I do not believe that any one of you would oppose this bill if you personal had a mother, father, husband , wife or child whose intense pain was relieved by medical marijuana and nothing else!

Can ANYONE here say they would agree to with hold medical marijuana to their child under these conditions?

I bet most would risk going to jail to get it for them, and that's what people are up against.

I can only believe this issue is more about politics than helping people who suffer, because every issue which has been mentioned (and rightfully so) happens with other legal or illegal drugs anyway.

Should we stop using all medicine and helping people that can be helped for fear of criminal abuse?

Please deal with criminals and not suffering people.

Thank You

Marcy Crilley R.N.
Maui, HI

Sb1458 sd2 hd1:

Date: March 20th 2011

I am a patient and caregiver living on the big island Hawaii. I was a member of the Medical Cannabis working Group in 2010. I support this bills version only with changes and amendments.

The 5 year Maui Dispensary pilot program, should be changed to be a 3 month Pilot Program with Hawaii Island being next after 3 months, then O'ahu after 3 more months.

The License aspects involving a class 1 class 2 or class3 should be priced in at (Class 1- \$ 5,000 / yr) (Class 2- \$2500.00 / yr) (Class 3-\$2500.00 / yr)

No Patient should be forced to sign up to have one dispensary to obtain their medical needs from. I use Kmart and Longs to obtain my other medical needs from as do millions here in Hawaii. Patients must have the right to grow and produce their own medicine. Patients must have the right to choose their Caregiver without being forced not to have one except a dispensary.

Amended & change to read, any Medical Marijuana Patient from another State seeking to obtain Medicine while in Hawaii vacationing or staying over 2 weeks, will need to register and pay a \$25.00 fee. The \$100.00 is out of line.

If a dispensary is to have 7 plants and 6 ounces for each patient in a 2 week period, legally having a patient base of over 14 patients would be breaking any Federal Law as that would be over 99 plants. Separate Class 2 Cultivar Licenses for up to 99 plants would be a maximum allowed for any Grower not to exceed Federal Law. An existing Farmer Based allotment such as the "Tobacco Tax Allotment" currently is, would be more in line and benefit the Hawaii Based Farmers in a much better way.

Instead of having only one class 2 licenses to produce enough for a dispensary, a "CULTIVAR" class license would be more appropriate if allowing a Class 2 licensee to have only up to 99 plants thus ensuring no Federal Prosecution for any Class 1 Dispensary or Class 2 Production license. The State of Hawaii, if not would be justifying breaking all Federal Laws. It does state that all Class 1, 2 & 3 license holders would not be prosecuted under Hawaii State Law, but you have encouraged one to break Federal Laws based upon this latest version.

24/7 live feed to the Police would entail the following, 5 full time officers to monitor the live feeds per location at a cost to the taxpayers of over \$500, 000.00 per year. This is ludicrous and unjust. Having a secured premise with 24/7 Security Videos and alarms would suffice along with 72 hour back up on tape.

Unannounced visits should be changed to be 24 hour notice of inspection.

How dare the House of Representatives impose a 30% tax be levied amongst Medical Marijuana Patients. The State of Hawaii would be allowing and condoning "Discrimination" of all Medical Marijuana Patients and Caregivers. There is no other tax like this for any Medicines in Hawaii or any

other State. How dare the House of Representatives only allow an initial 5 year Pilot Program for Maui County only and not for O'ahu, Kauai, or Hawaii?

Mark Nelson

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 6:22 AM
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Cc: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clyde Uyebara
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it will do nothing for the State of Hawaii and more importantly Maui County !

I do not understand this Country's prejudice to laws they do not personally like.

That fact; "we, the people" voters power, voters rights voted into 'real life' actual LAW

1)

to allow for human beings to be able to administer medical cannabis to their real live bodies to help them through their personal disability/sickness(s),

2)

to give them SAFE ACCESS to their medical cannabis,

3)

all without penalizing them for it.

With all due respect to the Committee ; What - is so hard to understand about that?

Medical cannabis use has been LAW in Hawaii for many years already.

...So, why do they need a five year pilot program?

The People of Hawaii did not vote in a five year pilot program. Why doesn't the Committee just do what the people that voted them in wanted them to do in the first place?!? It is legally allowed. why should there need to be any supervision necessary, short of normal pharmacy disbursement protocol.

A question...does none of the same voters that voted medical cannabis in, live on Hawaii today?? Maybe its Hawaii has

never had anyone run for office with part of their agenda being a MMJ platform, that those same mmj voters could vote for...

But Wait! Hawaii's new governor Abacrombie, in one of his campaign statements, he said he wants to assure medical cannabis patients will have safe access to their medicine. BTW, for those Committee members whom want more time and/or pilot program please don't forget the true definition of...access pertaining to MMJ patients = retrieve, obtain, ingress, right of entry. When one reads those words, they probably don't think of words like; "more review, pilot program, delay , etc.". Remember it is already written into Hawaiian Law. Votes are powerful.

And why waste tax payers money on law enforcement having to be so bothersome on the patients? They are sick, imagine having at minimum, a high fever but chronically every day and night, non-stop for ever. and stress is not good for healing either.

Have patients not been persecuted enough (it has been in the news for years). can they not suffer in their ills with a little dignity? That they have to be scrutinized as criminal -Esc just because some Committee members do not want to terms with complying with laws voted in precisely because the people saw the need for these changes. Are Committee members acting compassionately that want to tax sick patients 30% too. As if sick people ever have extra money to spend.

Cannabis medicine outlets owners camera surveillance is

enough to scare off any possible non compliance problems as well. Burglary too. Not many crook will try to steal from a business with more cameras than a bank.

All that law enforcement will be is a nuisance. After all, they publicly stated they are against allowing legal medical cannabis patients lawful access and use of their medicine.

What more evidence does one need to see they do not fit what ill-morals your committee's actions are trying to suggest fixing. Besides isn't it a little 'gray' to use tax payers money to fund a (harassment) patrol on legal patients and caregivers from the same tax payers that voted legal medical cannabis into law?

Let us not forget, direct and indirect forcing of personal dogma onto a group of citizens is bullying, to put it mildly.

Progress never stops moving forward. Markedly, these are the days of the changing of the guards. And, though sad to say, it is a shame that Politicians cannot see and act upon and for the true will of the Peoples of Hawaii. Medical cannabis was voted into law. A real law. It's the same kind of law that says you won't break your sworn oath to the voters that afforded you into office.

May I ask the Hawaiian politicians, do you truly know who your constituents are?

Political thought/choice: With more States voters approving medical cannabis use in the same voting year your margin of winning (your seat) may be decreasing, see your newer constituents on the horizon. It may be politically wise to

re-ignite your agenda to a growing demographic mass force of the voting populous. The same voters + + that voted legal medical cannabis into the Great State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your insight.

Ma Halo,
Rik
Green Saharan

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:25 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: samoahu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sam Au
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: samoahu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii. Play out the natural progression and think worst possible outcome. Is that the future we want for our keiki?

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:00 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mauirtr@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Romero
Organization: Marriott Vacationclub International
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mauirtr@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences on our people and communities. It will leave us vulnerable to new additional types of criminal activity and open the door to more liberal practices that are currently illegal. Marijuana is a gateway drug and should not be legal under any circumstances in the first place. We are stuck with medical Marijuana, but let's not open another door, an additional gateway that serves only to make the drug more accessible in our communities and expose our youth to yet another liberal practice that makes it difficult as parents to instill positive values and practices. Keep medical Marijuana as out of sight as possible.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 10:18 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ppalmer@hdcc.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pat Palmer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ppalmer@hdcc.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it will will have negative effects on Hawaii. Why would we want to "experiment" with something like this on Maui. Any legislator who votes yes on this measure will not get my vote next election. This system does not work in California, and they will not work here either. We are asking for trouble.

Regards,
Pat Palmer

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 10:16 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: dfoxen1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Debbie Walsh
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dfoxen1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it will will have negative effects on Hawaii. Why would we want to "experiment" with something like this on Maui. Any legislator who votes yes on this measure will not get my vote next election. This system does not work in California, and they will not work here either. We are asking for trouble.

Best regards,

Debbie Walsh
Jim Walsh

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 9:54 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: rubyghurl@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Linda Ruby
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rubyghurl@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
i oppose this bill as I feel it will have a negative impact on families in Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 9:40 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: kulasoft@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Ching
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kulasoft@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I would take these submitted internet comments with a grain of salt. I suspect many of them are the product of an email campaign and are blindly submitted by people with no real knowledge of the issues.

In fact, I'm leaving these comments as a response to chain mail that I have been receiving and have no real knowledge of the arguments on either side.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 8:53 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: akfountain@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arlene Fountain
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: akfountain@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have a negative impact on the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 9:58 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: nshima411@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: nina shimabukuro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: nshima411@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do NOT support this bill, it will have very negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 9:08 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: 10svbfan@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lori Siu
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: 10svbfan@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 8:42 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: kodomotaisho@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alvin F Van Treese
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kodomotaisho@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:
I oppose the bill for the health of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 8:13 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lenos61@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leinaala Enos
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lenos61@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii”

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 9:54 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: kaupena.kinimaka@marriott.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kaupena Kinimaka
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kaupena.kinimaka@marriott.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I'm opposed to SB1458. I think we have enough problems with drunk driving, use of cell phones when driving, now to add marijuana into the mix. I feel sorry for the true residents that need marijuana for their medical condition. But we all know that this will be the first step to other things. It's those that want to profit from marijuana that are making this move to have a test run in Maui. Please stop this before it takes an act of congress to undue what we can stop now. Mahalo for you support on opposing this bill....

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 9:17 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: kkobatake@deltacnstcorp.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kenneth Kobatake
Organization: Delta Construction Corporation
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kkobatake@deltacnstcorp.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

As the president and founder of a 33 year old heavy equipment construction company that employs approximately 225 men and women, I am against SB1458 for safety reasons.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 8:19 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: leonardhasuko@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leonard Hasuko
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: leonardhasuko@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

This bill would present opportunities for increased use and abuse of Marijuana and possibly make it easier for our youth to get their hands on it in their own homes.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 8:10 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lisa.hanabusa@heco.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: lisa hanabusa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lisa.hanabusa@heco.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it will have far reaching negative impact on the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 7:07 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: tsuhad001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don Tsuha
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tsuhad001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 6:42 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mrs.yoshi5@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shirland Yoshimura
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mrs.yoshi5@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I feel that this would be detrimental to the good of all the people in Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 3:33 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: begab001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tom Bega
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: begab001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I oppose SB 1458

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 10:27 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: norenef@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: norene furutani
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: norenef@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I am an elementary school teacher and I do not support this bill. It will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 11:11 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: miteymouse@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Riki Shimabukuro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: miteymouse@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 4:21 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: katmizusawa@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: KATHY MIZUSAWA
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: katmizusawa@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill as it would have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 5:54 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mshima@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marian Shimabukuro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mshima@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This will have a very negative effect on the island of Maui (as well as the State of Hawaii). Marijuana dispensaries will be a magnet for crime, drug dealing and drug use and hazardous to the safety of the community. Mahalo.

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marian Shimabukuro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mshima@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

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Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 5:45 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jlawi3@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Judy Lawi
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jlawi3@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

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JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 5:16 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: interquesthawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: whitney white
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: interquesthawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. The negative effects have been proven in L.A. , Denver etc. Maui does not need this. Hawaii does not need this. It will hurt our entire State to so called "benefit" few.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 3:54 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: WVPK@HOTMAIL.COM
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: MARSHA NAKASONE
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: WVPK@HOTMAIL.COM
Submitted on: 3/19/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill-it will have negative consequences on the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: Stan Koga [images@stankoga.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:07 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Medical Marijuana dispenseris

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: (your name)

RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate version

I am in fullest support of the Senate version of this bill. Please consider the unbiased science when making your decision.
Mahalo, Stan Koga

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:30 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jmahuna48@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janice Mahuna
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jmahuna48@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:
To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran - Chair
REp. Karl Rhoades - Vice Chair
Members of Committee

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 - Relating to Health
Hearing: Tues. March 22, 2011 Rm. 325

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Thank you.

Janice M.Mahuna

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:29 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jmahuna48@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janice Mahuna
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jmahuna48@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran - Chair
REp. Karl Rhoades - Vice Chair
Members of Committee

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 - Relating to Health
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Thank you.

Janice M.Mahuna

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:19 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jamgom@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jamie Gomer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jamgom@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I support this bill. We have a right to heal our medical conditions with clean herbs grown on the earth. We should be able to take our healing in to our own hands, not just rely on pharmaceutical chemicals that have harmful side effects. Marijuana is not a gateway drug, it is a healing herb and has been used by humans for centuries. Please take a holistic approach and make an educated decision. Mahalo, Jamie

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:11 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mkmysoares@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Katina Soares
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mkmysoares@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

RE: SB 1458 Relating to Health
Position: Support with comments

I am testifying today in support of establishing compassion centers for patients who qualify to use medical cannabis. But, as this version falls far short of what is needed. Why only Maui? Why 5 years? Who is this helping? Please go back to the Senate Version of this bill.

Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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. Does the state want to continue supporting the BLACK MARKET? I just don't get it. One would think that lawmakers would be all over this, especially if it is being taxed at 30% .

Licensed medical marijuana users WANT to be good citizens. They do NOT want to support the Black Market. Imagine a Stage 4 Cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy, unable to eat from nausea? Where is the compassion in making this suffering human seek unreliable Black Market pakalolo? Not everyone is able to grow it, especially those who live in crowded neighborhoods, condos and apartments.

As a caregiver for a patient who has severe seizures, I know first hand the critical relief this medicinal herb provides. My patient would be unable to function in society without this medicine. He suffers from a rare chromosome disorder and pharmaceuticals are not an option since there is ZERO data that supports any pharmaceutical application for his condition. Without this safe herb, he would be confined in the home, unable to contribute anything to the community. Medical cannabis has been an absolute miracle for him, and I so appreciate living in a state where this is legal even in its present, limited form.

As a caregiver, I have found that much time is needed to grow the plants and many obstacles do pop up that impede the cultivation and harvest such as weather, pests and the worst, HUMAN THIEVES. Having a clean, regulated facility would be such a relief. If my patient goes without medicine for too long, he can no longer function in society, so having reliable access to the herb is absolutely critical. It is a constant worry for me that I will run out of the medicine. Another worry, is lack of knowledge of the proper strain for his condition. How wonderful it would be to have a facility that could answer questions and provide education for different applications of this herb.

Mahalo for your consideration of this bill and please amend this bill to include Compasson Centers on ALL the islands.

Sincerely,
Victoria Latenser
Mountain View, Hawaii

Registered Voter

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:06 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: sgrady00@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sheryl Grady
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sgrady00@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:
I oppose SB1458 as it will have drastic and negative consequences for the people of the state of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:06 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: masonhawaii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Allan Los Banos
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: masonhawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

The Hawaii Masons Unions do not support this bill. Marijuana is a serious problem in Hawaii, Its communities and workplaces. This bill would have negative consequences.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:03 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: pkawasaki@maunalani.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pat Kawasaki
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: pkawasaki@maunalani.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill as it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: lafrance@pacific.net
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:30 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Judiciary Committee, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

From: Reverend Jeff LaFrance

"Judiciary Committee, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health, 2 copies."

"I prefer the senate version of the bill.")

Position: I Support the Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure. I have seen first hand how legalizing the ability for patients to revive medical marijuana through a safe, and reliable source has been beneficial. It takes the fear of committing a crime by purchase from unreliable, and dangerous sources. Patients should not have to fear long jail terms, and being robbed, and or injured from illegal sources.

Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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.

The pilot project does not help patients on the other islands, it also does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source.

There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.

Establishing compassion centers solves a gray area in the law that established the current medical marijuana program.

Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient.

Compassion centers are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are

subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity.

Patients are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

Compassion centers would also fill a need for patients who may not know how to use vaporizers or make infused-products on their own. We the people need your support to establish a method of a safe source, and legal use.

The State and County should receive a small tax on the sale, but abusive taxation serves no one, and abuses everyone. I my self would be willing to oversee such a dispensary, and use the proceeds for community projects. A prime example is real success is in Oakland California, where a community that was run down, and depressed, has now been revitalized due to the dispensaries. I personally think Oakland have maybe gone too far, but at least working towards the safe, and reliable procurement should be a goal.

Lets decriminalize patients and their source for medicine.

Sincerely,

Reverend Jeff LaFrance

JUDtestimony

From: Lee Eisenstein [lionel@cruzio.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:20 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: "Judiciary Committee, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325 , SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health, 2 copies."

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Lee Eisenstein

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

One dispensary on Maui only for five years is an insult to the public and a travesty. It is nothing but a cheap, dishonest, stalling tactic.

Please don't make a mockery of a legitimate issue. Marijuana is a medically safe and socially benign. No state monopolies. Regulations based on reality, rather than cheap political grandstanding and falsehoods.

I've seen the system work well in California and in Holland. Modest regulation is all that is required, as what is being dispensed is a medically safe, socially benign herb.

It's not deadly addictive alcohol or equally dangerous pharmaceutical drugs. Please regulate it in an honest, adult manner, appropriate with it's benign status.

The FDA states that powerful, patented, synthetic THC is safe for users to operate machinery and drive under, once one is used to the effects. Marinol, is many times more powerful than marijuana, yet the FDA says this. What does that tell you?

It's benign, it's safe. Let's grow up and act like adults for a change.
A beneficial change.

Aloha,
Lee Eisenstein
Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:54 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ray.duvauchelle@vacationclub.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ray Duvauchelle
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ray.duvauchelle@vacationclub.com Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Hawaii has a reputation for being a safe haven for our families and those of our visitors. Passing this bill will be harmful to our families who live and work here. We are already battling a tremendous drug problem that has caused destruction to many of our friends and families. We must not send any message that the use of illegal drugs is allowed or encouraged. It will also cause damage to our fragile visitor industry. We do not want families thinking of visiting our islands to not come because we are a "marijuana" friendly state.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:52 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: aurahawaii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Christine Olanda
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: aurahawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

"I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii"

JUDtestimony

From: lafrance@pacific.net
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:45 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: [Fwd: Judiciary Committee, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health]

As a side note, I have researched the medicinal properties of cannabis, and know that the CBD properties of cannabis is more medicinal than the psychoactive properties of THC, and I would propose that the products higher in CBD would be the primary product offered, if I were allowed to participate in a pilot program.

----- Original Message -----
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Date: Mon, March 21, 2011 11:29 am
To: JUDtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

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Sincerely,

Reverend Jeff LaFrance

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:44 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clyde Uyebara
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

The bill will have a negative impact on Hawaii, I oppose this bill.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:44 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clyde Uyehara
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: uyeharac012@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:
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JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:36 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: MARK.DOMINGCIL@VACATIONCLUB.COM
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: MARK A DOMINGCIL
Organization: MARRIOTT WAIIOHAI BEACH CLUB
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: MARK.DOMINGCIL@VACATIONCLUB.COM
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL, IT WILL HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:13 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mamaclay@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthan Mamaclay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mamaclay@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:15 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: wmunetake@kbhmaui.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wendy Munetake
Organization: Ka'anapali Beach Hotel
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: wmunetake@kbhmaui.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it will have detrimental affects on our community, and our keiki!

JUDtestimony

From: Deborah Lockett [deblockett@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:40 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: 'Jeanne Ohta'
Subject: SB 1458

Importance: High

Dear Distinguished Committee Members,

I write to you today in support of SB 1458 which would go a long way in achieving some much needed improvement to the medical marijuana laws in Hawaii.

SB 1458 would accomplish the following:

1. Licensure for 1 compassion center on Maui as a 5 year pilot program.
2. Allocate all fees collected to the County of Maui.
3. Regulate all food & consumables sold on licensed premise by DOH.
4. Require compassion center to maintain photocopies of all filled prescriptions, available for review by law enforcement.
5. Establish a 30% tax on medical marijuana products sold under pilot program & deposit in general fund.
6. Require compassion center to incur costs for security & live video feed.
7. Require location to be > 600 yards from day care facility, preschool, private and/or public schools.
8. Prohibit use of medication on premise.
9. Prohibit medication from compassion center to be transported out of Maui County.

I support this measure because patients need a consistent, reliable, legal & safe source for their medication.

Compassion centers fill a void for patients that are unable to grow their own marijuana due to a lack of a "green thumb" or they live in apartment/condominium settings.

A pilot program is unnecessary as sufficient experience with compassion centers exists in other states.

Thank you for your consideration towards this extremely important piece of legislation.

Aloha & mahalo,

*Deborah A. Lockett, M.P.H.
The Lockett Group*

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:30 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: janice_walin@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janice Walin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: janice_walin@notes.k12.hi.us
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:26 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: deblopes@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Debora Lopes
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: deblopes@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I feel that it will attract illegal activity to the areas the dispensaries are located in. It will bring more crime and make the neighborhoods unsafe for everyone.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:25 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: samcnamara@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stephanie McNamara
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: samcnamara@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:14 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: tylerkurashige@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tyler Kurashige
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tylerkurashige@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:
Members of the Judiciary Committee

As an individual who works with youth in a prevention capacity, I do not support this bill as I believe it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Tyler Kurashige

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 6:00 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: gracelee@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Grace Lee
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gracelee@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:23 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: cheryl@solights.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: cheryl nelson
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cheryl@solights.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I strongly support the Senate version of this bill. I think it is important that there be at least one compassion center per island. I also believe that 5 years is way too long to test on one island only. I think that the patient should have the option of either obtaining their medicine from a center or if able they should be able to grow there own. Patients should not be limited to only one option. Clarification is needed on transportation of medicine inter-island and/or intra-island.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:05 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ihhrm@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Corinna Mamaclay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ihhrm@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

There is no way that the legal use of marijuana will be any good for the state of Hawaii or any other state that passes this law.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:04 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ihhrm@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Corinna Mamaclay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ihhrm@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

There is no way that the legal use of marijuana will be any good for the state of Hawaii or any other state that passes this law.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 6:45 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: oggyen@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gordon Yen
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: oggyen@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I oppose SB1458 both as a permanent resident of Maui and as a Law Enforcement Officer of the State of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:19 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: pohaku001@clearwire.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Aubrey Nakatsukasa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: pohaku001@clearwire.net
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:14 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: darlhm@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Darlene Mashita
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: darlhm@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 10:59 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ron.katto@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ronald Katto
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ron.katto@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 10:46 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: sandis@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: sandi shimabukuro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sandis@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 1:13 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: stuart@IsseiProductions.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stuart Hirotsu
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: stuart@IsseiProductions.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:
aloha

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for SB 1458.

While it makes sense to place the first pilot program on Maui, please consider expanding the program to serve all Hawaii's patients throughout all the islands.

mahalo
Stuart Hirotsu

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 9:23 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: msasuga@punahou.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Harvey Sasuga
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: msasuga@punahou.edu
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 9:22 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: msasuga@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marjorie Sasuga
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: msasuga@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 7:21 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nefftaly lugardo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

Totally think that this bill wouldn't be passed...just cause it might be politically correct doesn't make it morally correct. Morals are important and we seem to be forgetting that everyday. If my daughter gets high on weed and drives and does...i will be so hurt that this got passed.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 7:07 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mary@mauivortex.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Overbay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mary@mauivortex.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I support SB 1458, if that's the best you can do. However, the bill should be amended to ensure that all government registered medical cannabis patients have safe and reliable access to their prescriptions.

Real patients, like my husband who died of cancer in 2007, are really helped by medical cannabis. I testify that I saw the relief it brought him during his cancer treatments. Unfortunately Hawaii's cannabis patients still do not have safe access to their medicine, and the whole program has slipped into its present chaos.

It seems unfair and conflictory to try to place extra paperwork, fees, and taxes on sick folks, while the recreational use of cannabis is rampant and pays nothing.

Hawaii's dried cannabis herb sells for \$600 an ounce! All day and night, every day and night, on every island, and everyone knows it. However, there are no taxes paid, no license fees, or no registration, etc. At \$9,600 a pound for a weed, it seems there is room for a bit of cash to go to the government.

The Hawaii Legislature could show initiative and again take the national lead by regulating both the medical, and the billion dollars a year recreational cannabis industries. You could support small family farms and businesses. Not big business monopolies, with forced patient registrations.

If appropriate regulations and taxes were being applied to Hawaii's recreational cannabis industries, Hawaii would not have an 844 million dollar deficit, and the legislature could finally fund dental care for the poor, etc.

At the least, Please, someway, somehow figure out a way for cannabis patients to have safe access to their medicine. After a decade, can't you really come up with a workable program and not pass the buck for 5 more years?

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 6:13 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: nettaz@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Coranetta Fernandez
Organization: Assembly of God
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: nettaz@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I believe it will have a tragic impact on the islands and our families!

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 5:42 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: charlieiona@me.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles Iona
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: charlieiona@me.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I'm a retired police officer from Maui who now lives on Kaua'i. I oppose this bill for the mere fact that having dispensary is just a front for a larger crime organization. Taxing marijuana is a farce only because who is the auditor that will be responsible for auditing the dispensary records? This State has had more applications for a marijuana card for pain than it has for any other of the listed conditions which marijuana was meant to treat such as cancer, glaucoma, etc. Example of how the system will not work is the growing epidemic for pain management whereby patients are prescribed pain medications with no follow up by a physician. How do I know this? I was also a death investigator for the Honolulu Medical Examiners Office and I routinely investigated death cases involving pain medications that was not controlled properly. Abusers circumvent the system but the tax payers ultimately paid for the funeral services since no family came forward to claim the victims remains. Think about it!

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 5:30 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: ckitamura@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Crystal Kitamura
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ckitamura@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 5:23 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nefftaly lugardo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

Totally think that this bill shouldn't be passed...just cause it might be politically correct doesn't make it morally correct. Morals are important and we seem to be forgetting that everyday. If my daughter gets high on weed and drives and dies...i will be so hurt that this got passed. You might say its her fault because she was under the influence, but marijuana does not place people in the right state of mind.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 5:19 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nefftaly lugardo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Nefftaly_lugardo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

Totally think that this bill wouldn't be passed...just cause it might be politically correct doesn't make it morally correct. Morals are important and we seem to be forgetting that everyday. If my daughter gets high on weed and drives and does...i will be so hurt that this got passed.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 4:55 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: leilyn81@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leilyn Kauihou
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: leilyn81@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:41 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Juanily D. Natividad
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:37 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benedicto F. Natividad
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:36 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benedicto F. Natividad
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:36 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Benedicto F. Natividad
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lilydgm1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:28 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: acel808@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: MARICEL PICANA
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: acel808@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

“I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii”
& also this is not a good practice for our younger generation!!

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:27 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: acel808@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: MARICEL PICANA
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: acel808@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

“I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii”
& also this is not a good practice for our younger generation!!

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:22 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jcarpio@marriotthotels.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jason Carpio
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jcarpio@marriotthotels.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
Unless used for medical purposes ONLY, this will definitely have a negative impact in the state of Hawaii..

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:01 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Manfred.jonas@marriott.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Manfred Jonas
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Manfred.jonas@marriott.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:
I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 4:17 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: admin@lavatech.us
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gerald L. Taber
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: admin@lavatech.us
Submitted on: 3/20/2011

Comments:

I fully support Senate Bill 1458. At this point in time, the safety and well being of the public has been effected negatively over a long period of time, that has caused several million dollars in lost revenue for the state, county and all other faculties needed to manage and support such a program. The facts are that, we are still just initiating a pilot program here - and it is a bit late, and those individuals and families effected by the lack of local political support from law enforcement to the former Governor, I feel should be compensated fully for their suffering, emotional damages and any illegal incarceration and the damage cause therein due to lack of available medical marijuana, years after it was made legal for medical use. I encourage this legislative house to move quickly to support this bill and pass it unanimously as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

Gerald L. Taber

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 12:07 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: thomas@kilakila.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Somermeier
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: thomas@kilakila.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

“I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii”

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:27 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: eichang@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evelyn Chang
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: eichang@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Please don't approve. This will have a negative impact on our families.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:08 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: mgoya@zippys.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: may goya
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mgoya@zippys.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill and believe that allowing the bill to go forth will be extremely detrimental to the citizens of Hawaii, especially the keikis. Please do not allow this to go through. We have worked very hard to create a drug free Hawaii and although some believe that marijuana is considered "medicinal", the negative impact is far greater.
aloha

RE: SB 1458.

I am very much opposed to the passage of the above bill. I feel it is detrimental to my family and the rest of the community.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:03 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: dohata@carnazzo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diane Ohata
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: dohata@carnazzo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:31 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Jesussaves77749@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: arlene laboy
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Jesussaves77749@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I AM STRONGLY AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL. I FEEL IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO US AND OUR FAMILIES.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:29 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: sandy@howardsnurseriesmaui.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sandy Takishita
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: sandy@howardsnurseriesmaui.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill. On all levels, it bodes trouble for our local community.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:00 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: richardliebmann@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dr. Richard Liebmann ND
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: richardliebmann@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Richard Liebmann ND

RE: "SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health"

Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate version

Some of my patients greatly benefit from medical marijuana and i am in favor of SB 1458.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:12 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jacky.t@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jacky Takakura
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jacky.t@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii and the workplace.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:10 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: jacky.t@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jacky Takakura
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jacky.t@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii and the workplace.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:00 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: George Matsunaga
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:02 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Reiko Matsunaga
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:58 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gerald M Matsunaga
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gerald.matsu@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Marijuana is not a medicine. Leave these issues to science and not politics. It is a disgrace and an insult to the general public that our politicians have led them to believe that marijuana is a medicine. No one can tell me that anything that is smoked is good for our health, and can that dosages can be controlled through something that is smoked.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 12:57 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: MIwamasa@maunalani.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Myrna M. Iwamasa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: MIwamasa@maunalani.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It will have negative consequences for the people of Hawaii. A trial medical marijuana dispensary on Maui will only create more problems in the future.

JUDtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 12:36 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: john_chung@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Testimony for SB1458 on 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Chung
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: john_chung@notes.k12.hi.us
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have a negative impact to the State of Hawaii.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:04 AM

To: .JUDtestimony

Cc: lia.oyama@mpd.net

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lia Oyama

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: lia.oyama@mpd.net

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I do not support this measure. It will have a negative impact on families and communities in Hawaii. Take a good look at how it has affected California.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 7:07 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: esyoro@hotmail.com

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Esther
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: esyoro@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I am strongly against passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families. People will abuse this more if this bill passes. And whose to say it will be in control because it wont. Should they get behind a wheel under the influence and hurt people. Families can get torn apart because marijuana use will be focused on more than the family. More "marijuana farms". More crime, if someone cannot get authorized to use and the other person can. Find other alternatives that are more reasonable.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 7:13 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: maikaino@hawaiiantel.net

Testimony for JUD 3/22/2011 2:00:00 PM SB1458

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Robert Dircks

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: maikaino@hawaiiantel.net

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have negative consequences attached to it.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: judly_study@hotmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: comments only

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Judiah McRoberts

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: judly_study@hotmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

As an Registered Nurse, I have encountered numerous patients in the hospital that have benefited from the use of medicinal cannabis. Many of them being licensed card holders are unable to grow themselves or have a reliable caregiver and end up buying cannabis off the illegal market. The majority of these people are hard working citizens of Hawaii (lawyers, cashiers, county workers...) I support the final senate version of this bill and not the current house version. I firmly believe that all card holding citizens of all counties should have access to a dispensary that is safe, professional and reliable. Thank you for your time.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:54 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: bigisland420@gmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: David Hampton-Phillips

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: bigisland420@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I am here to support the bill that gives the patients on ALL islands access to compassion centers for safe access to our medicine. Some people are too sick to produce their own medicine, and we need more caregivers around the islands. A caregiving solution to access these patients is to have less caregiving locations to be monitored. Thank you

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:49 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: tropicaltouchphoto@gmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Amber Shand

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: tropicaltouchphoto@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I support the bill for the rights of patients to get access to their medicine. I dont think the amendments made on the 15th make to0 much sense. With the access needed for medical marijuana patients around the islands, how would one compassion center on maui be sufficient. The transport and the on other islands would be outrageous. Also, with the most patients being on he big island, why Maui? Also, with the economy we are in , how would the tax revenue this would generate for the counties and state be a bad idea? Thank you.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:56 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: digitalparadise@earthlink.net

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Craig Ellenwood

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: digitalparadise@earthlink.net

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

My concerns and comments on this version of the bill are as follows:

The pilot project does not help patients on the other islands, it also does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source.

There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.

Patients still want to retain the right to grow their own medicine or have a caregiver do it. The dispensary should not be the only option.

Inter-island transportation needs to be clarified (as does transportation in a motor vehicle).

30% excise tax is unreasonably high, and will eventually mean patients will pay higher prices for their medicine, while other prescription medicines are not taxed at all.

Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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.

Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient.

Compassion centers are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their

plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity.

Patients are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

Mahalo

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:41 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: mdarin@gmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Darin Miyashiro

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: mdarin@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. I believe that it will be bad for our families and our community. Please do not pass this bill.

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Scott Sieverts

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325, 2 copies

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

- The pilot project does not help patients on the other islands, it also does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source.
- There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.
- Establishing compassion centers solves a gray area in the law that established the current medical marijuana program.
- Patients still want to retain the right to grow their own medicine or have a caregiver do it. The dispensary should not be the only option.
- Inter-island transportation needs to be clarified (as does transportation in a motor vehicle).
- 30% excise tax is unreasonably high, and will eventually mean patients will pay higher prices for their medicine, while other prescription medicines are not taxed at all.
- Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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.
- Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient.
- Compassion centers are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity.
- Patients are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.
- Compassion centers would also fill a need for patients who may not know how to use vaporizers or make infused-products on their own.

Honorably yours,

Scott Sieverts

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:19 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: tiajoaquin@yahoo.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Ti'a

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: tiajoaquin@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I am oppose this bill because it is not good for the future of our children or our state.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:18 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: tad781@hawaii.rr.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jared Aiwohi

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: tad781@hawaii.rr.com

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I am oppose this bill because it is not good for the future of our children or our state.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:17 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kanoelani

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I am oppose this bill because it is not one that would benefit anyone.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:13 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Olinda Aiwohi@yahoo.com
Organization: Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Assoc.
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: olindaaiwohi@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

We oppose this bill S.B.1458, SD2 because we know too well the effect it would have on our community as well as the communities at large. I see all the testimonies by those who have firsthand knowledge of the devastation this bill would cause to society. I also see the ones that support the bill and although they write of how hard it is to grow I disagree. Maui has had people growing pakalolo for years, in sugar cane fields, along river beds, bamboo forests, and now right in my neighbors back yard. It is not a hard thing to grow at all, there have been many times that I watched as young kids would be tending their plants and saw how they would share it with their friends, then start selling it, I witnessed their anger would we community members would call the police or go and destroy their plants or watch their parents bulldoze the plants. These people who live in condominiums lie, cause I know people who have grown them with no problem at all, a few who were caught and spent time in jail. It is not a bill that should even be considered. My own mother who did not have medical marijuana would use her neighbors joint to feel better, only to feel worse, and it ended up destroying her being able to make good choices, along with other vices. I personally am against this bill, but I speak on behalf of our community where drugs can be rampant. Just today a youth who was probably high on marijuana may have started a fire that endangered the lives of children attending our Boys and Girls club. I have witnessed too much physical harm in my own neighborhood and ask that all of you who sit on this panel really, really weigh the benefits and the negative effects of this bill. My own daughter has a rare form of cancer but does not even use pain pills because she wants to keep her mind and wits about her. All I and our community ask is for help in stopping the use of this and other drugs. Legalizing it for use for sale is not an answer to anything, but more crime, more injury, more disobedience, more destruction and fall of families, more suicides, and most of all the fall of a great state which I love and its native people. When alcohol was introduced to our people it devastated them, then the introduction of illegal drugs and that is devastating our people by destroying their lives. STOP the use, and PREVENT further destruction. Come into our Hawaiian homestead and you will see about 5 to 8 yards with legally grown marijuana which is something we as an association is not happy with. It is teaching our children that it is available, just go hang out at that persons house, or see what you can do if you want to feel good, or get a "buzz"; My daughters neighbor has a medical card, but almost every week he has a bunch of cars parked in front of his house and they enjoy themselves, people come and go, and all because he grows his marijuana and has never been checked on to see if he is in compliance. The use of it should not be so available to anyone, no matter the situation. My nephew started with marijuana, not harmful people said, then he turned to ice, and now he is in prison for live cause he shot someone. The people who have testified from the police and the public safety know what they are talking about. I know what I am talking about, please do not pass this bill. It would be one worse than any other bill that is out there. Thank you and please do not pass this bill.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:27 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: misohana@aol.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Melanie K Torres

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: misohana@aol.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I am strongly against the passage of this bill. I feel it is detrimental to us and our families. I believe that it's just an excuse. I'm sure there are other sources that can be used. I also believe that if this bill passes our "Law Enforcers" will be in more demand trying to get these druggies who wrongfully will get their hands on them.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: kelly.tobita@hawaiiantel.net

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kelly K Tobita

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: kelly.tobita@hawaiiantel.net

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:55 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: makanuigirl@yahoo.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Eddie Laboy

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: makanuigirl@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:55 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: makanuigirl@yahoo.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Nortricia MacLoves

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: makanuigirl@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 6:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: kalanib@paccoastmarbletile.com

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Kalani Bullard
Organization: Pacific Wellness Coalition
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kalanib@paccoastmarbletile.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair & Representatives,

On Behalf of Pacific Wellness Coalition, I would like to state that our Organization is in Great Support of SB1458. This Bill will not only create a Safe Controllable System for Medical Marijuana but it will create Safe Access to all Hawaii Patients in need of their Medicine. This Bill will generate 60 Million Dollars a Year for Hawaii, in which some of that Revenue could be use to focus on harder drugs in our Islands such as Ice, Heroin, Oxycotin, which are the current drugs ruining Hawaii Families. Also this Bill will allow legitamcy for the Business and it will wipe out the BLACK MARKET very quickly, allowing more funds for the Judiciary to be used wisely. Let this be the year that Hawaii bring back our Families and rebuild our Economy for the next generations to come. This is not a question should we ALLOW SB1458 to be APPROVED, it should be autometrically approved, many sick & dying patients depend on this medicine that relieves them of their medical conditions. Please have compassion for this Bill and please Support SB1458.

Once again on behalf of Pacific Wellness Coalition we are in Full Support of SB1458..

Mahalo,

Kalani Bullard
President

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:59 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: bigislandbrent@gmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Brent Turrentine

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: bigislandbrent@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

After reading all of the versions of the bills as they go through the committees, I'd have to say that the original house bill was written for the patients in mind. We need an alternative that provides safe access for patients. Compassion center on all of the islands would be a great start. We need to come together to solve issues raised about being able to attain medicine from other islands and travel safely without fear of prosecution. Patients also under the right conditions, like the idea of being able to grow their own medicine. Please make safe access for all patients a matter of most importance. Please also consider the fact that most of the medical patients are on the Big Island. Lots of agricultural land for possible research. We should look at the upside for the generation of state tax revenue. There are a lot of positive aspects for all involved if we look with care and understanding.

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mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:43 PM

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jeanette Bega

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Address:

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose.

Not good for us and our families

Leads to other drug use

Use dollars elsewhere!!

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Leila Albano

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not believe that marijuana is good for the community.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Randy Yamanuha

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Bob Straub

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: shaka5@clearwire.net

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It will have a negative effect and very bad consequences for the people and families in Hawaii.

**Judiciary Committee, March 22, 2011, 2:PM, Room 325, SB 1458 SD2 HD1
Relating to health**

Anne Biedel [abiedel@mauimedical.com]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:07 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Dear Sirs and Mesdames;

I am a primary care physician on Maui with several medical marijuana patients. These patients are law abiding citizens with unfortunate diagnoses and circumstances. I believe that these patients deserve a safe and controlled means by which to obtain medical marijuana. This would involve the establishment of compassion care centers on each island. The State of Hawaii should immediately allow these centers to be established for the benefit of these patients. As a physician I can only recommend medical marijuana but for a patient where do they get the needed medication? It seems to me the Senate version of this Bill is most comprehensive. Thank you for your consideration.

Anne E. Biedel, MD
Lahaina, Maui

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sara Steiner for George Greywolf Klare

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: saralegal@live.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

My name is George Klare, and I am a retired schoolteacher and farmer in Puna, Hawaii. As a medical marijuana patient relying on it to keep my cancers from aggressive growth. I use no other therapy. I am supporting the Senate version of the dispensary bill. If we want to discourage the black market which many of us now use, then it has got to be as convenient and less expensive than the black market. Cannabis in all it's forms is not a dangerous drug, or gateway to anything besides entrapment that has converted the public safety to a prison complex.

Mahalo,

George Greywolf Klare

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sara Steiner submitting for Barbara Devaki Lang

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: saralegal@live.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I live on the Big Island of Hawaii and I am writing in support of the Senate version of SB1458 for dispensaries. The dispensaries must be as convenient and less expensive than the black market, which is more common and conveniently available at a considerable risk.

Thank You, Barbara Devaki Lang

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Robert Petricci
Representing Friends 4 Justice

RE: SB 1458 SD2 HD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325.

Position: Support Senate Version

I am writing today in support of the Senate version of this measure.

The Program needs to be (more) responsive to patient needs.

* The pilot project does not help patients on the other islands, it also does not establish a long-term solution to the problem of obtaining medical marijuana from a legal source.

* There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.

* Establishing compassion centers solves a gray area in the law that established the current medical marijuana program.

* Patients still want to retain the right to grow their own medicine or have a caregiver do it. The dispensary should not be the only option.

* Inter-island transportation needs to be clarified (as does transportation in a motor vehicle).

* 30% excise tax is unreasonably high, and will eventually mean patients will pay higher prices for their medicine, while other prescription medicines are not taxed at all.

* Patients need a consistent and reliable source of medicine now, they should not be forced to wait five more years. 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.

* Although current law allows patients to grow their own plants, the law is silent as to where patients should acquire seeds or clones to start their supply. Even more confusing is that the Department of Public Safety has said that the only legal transfer of marijuana is between a registered patient and that patient's registered caregiver. Caregivers are difficult to find and they are currently limited to assisting only one patient.

* Compassion centers are necessary because many patients want a legal, reliable and safe source for their marijuana. Many patients are unable to grow their own medicine because some live in apartments or condominiums; others live in areas where their plants are not secure and are subject to vandalism or theft; others are just too sick to provide the care needed for their plants to grow to maturity.

* Patients are law-abiding citizens who want to remain law abiding and should not be forced to go to neighborhood drug pushers for their medicine.

* Compassion centers would also fill a need for patients who may not know how to use vaporizers or make infused-products on their own.

Thank you for you consideration and help to fix a badly needed program.

Robert Petricci
Friends 4 Justice

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Brett Arizumi

Organization: Individual

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Phone:

E-mail: hardcorediver@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I have professional & personal experience relating to this bill and would appreciate the opportunity to provide a verbal testimony. Written testimony will be submitted as soon as possible to the committee. Thank you.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Joe Balangitao

Organization: Maui Interscholastic League

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: joseph_balangitao@notes.k12.hi.us

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

I do not support this bill, it will have a negative impact to the people of Hawaii.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sandy Webb

Organization: Individual

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Phone:

E-mail: buzzzed@msn.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

There is sufficient experience with compassion center models in other states to draft sensible regulations and implement a full program. A pilot program is not necessary.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Wendy Shishido

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E-mail: wenshishido@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kari Benes

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Phone:

E-mail: karibenes@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. Medical Marijuana has never proven to cure ANYTHING. It does not cure cancer, since it itself is carcinogenic. In fact it is as bad or worse for you than smoking tobacco. Medical Marijuana supporters never tell the truth with how many are in fact addicted to Marijuana. Please do not support this bill, way too many people will abuse this drug if it is legal.

Mahalo.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sharon Ako

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

This is not good for Hawaii...enough already

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Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: wade hondo

Organization: Individual

Address:

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sam Ako

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Submitted on: 3/21/2011

Comments:

This is not good for Hawaii...enough already