

I stand in support of Bill HB699 for many reasons. The simple fact that an outdated law passed on propaganda continues to imprison peaceful citizens for enjoying a natural plant while processed drugs with under-studied side effects flood our society confounds me. Have we as a society not outgrown the lies from our past? Should laws built around misinformation be allowed to shape the lives of its people while wasting millions of tax payer's money? Is our fear keeping us from the impressive potential of industrial hemp which will not only boost our still weak economy but also heal our fields? Those are the questions I asked myself today and I want to say Yes, we have grown and seen through the deceit! I want to say No, laws that built to profit not the people should not be allowed! I want to say NO; our fear will not blind us from the right answer. But I can't, not yet at least. Don't worry for I am hopeful and trust in the wisdom of those accountable to the people.

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**Subject:** HB699, in support

Blake Watson

Garden Angels, Volcano, Hawaii

Aloha Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing to in support of HB699 for the following reasons:

As the State of Hawaii already has a medical marijuana law, it might be common knowledge that adjunct to this is the fact that there exists no legal supply for legal patients; HB154 would simplify and make much safer the experience a patient must undergo to obtain medicine. The current Medical Marijuana Law creates destruction in people's lives, by making a "necessary" criminal class of growers/suppliers, as well as cannabis churches, to fulfill the intent of State law. This is wrong and inhumane. Further, such a law would allow responsible users, which are all around us in professional life, to stop lying and breaking a law that for so many reasons, is antiquated and is based originally on racist tenants.

Passing this bill into law would give even more grounds for the State of Hawaii, and any other state that has passed cannabis legalization and/or medical use, to stand up for it's citizens to the Federal Government; The federal classification is based on no accepted medical use in the United States, which is legally wrong, as 18 states do accept it as such legally, and 2 accept it as outright legal. The states need to sue the federal government on this issue with the argument of Federalism. See Oregon vs. Gonzales (2006). We will win as state if we make this argument. It's a matter of law...

State budgets can no longer afford to pay for anything other than the essentials; this law would save the criminal justice system an estimated 12 million dollars a year, and bring in 11.3 million in revenue for the State. Further, supporting this bill makes sense to further the support of HB154, industrial hemp legalization. The confusion of having one legal and not the other (as they are botanically the same plant) would be costly for the state; however legalization of both would go a long ways towards economic recovery, tourism, and most importantly, sustainability.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to support freedom and liberty for responsible adults...prohibition is a flawed design and is always doomed from the onset. Thank you ever so much,

Blake Watson

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe marijuana may hold many therapeutic benefits unavailable in conventional medicine. Undue restriction on marijuana cultivation therefore, may be hindering support for production of industrial hemp, a very versatile and worthwhile commodity. Therefore, this measure should pass with your support. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bruce Allen	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: The time has come to be real. Prohibition is not the answer nor the peoples will. Less dangerous than alcohol cannabis/hemp can be the answer to Hawaii's fractured agricultural revival, self-sustainability and provide jobs, products, services and taxable revenues along with more revenues from tourists who would otherwise vacation in other states where it IS legal. Please use logic and do what is right for the people of Hawaii or be swept aside in 2 yrs time at the next election.

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Charli Talon	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Shaeffer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The possibility of legal marijuana sales as an income generating stream for the state far outweighs any perceived problems that its use incurs. Alcohol is a far more dangerous substance and yet it is legal despite having no medical qualities to redeem it. This bill would increase tax revenues while freeing law enforcement to spend its limited budget on more serious and dangerous offenses.

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christina	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha Representatives,

I am submitting testimony in support of the legalization of marijuana in Hawaii HB699

I feel there is no proven or known health risks with marijuana (unlike alcohol or pharmaceutical drugs) and Cannabis seems to relax people and have shown to even help alleviate pain in certain individuals suffering from various chronic health issues.

In addition Hemp which is an incredible sustainable material could be used limitlessly and for various projects which, if it wasn't for our current legalization of marijuana, could propel Hawaii in many areas of affordable sustainable practices that could help in almost every area of Hawaii's economy.

I ask that you consider my request in support of HB699

Mahalo,  
Cora Piliwale  
Waianae, HI



2/1/13

Strongly support HB699

Aloha Representatives,

As a Babe Against Bio Tech I testify the following:

We would be remiss not to legalize marijuana. The most obvious reason is that our state stands to profit greatly upon the legalization of marijuana. In addition we must consider this in order to ease the restrictions and encourage ease of legal navigation into industrial hemp. We need industrial hemp, it is one of the most sustainable textiles in the the world, and with marijuana illegal at 0.01% we will be hard pressed to proceed. It is for the following reasons Babes Against Biotech, with over 1,800 members and supporters, has taken a position in support of the legalization of marijuana in Hawaii and we urge you to pass with no reservations, HB699.

We have the perfect environment to develop the cannabis and industrial hemp markets. We need the jobs, we need the business, it is a wise and strategic move in the name of commerce alone for the State of Hawaii. It will bring massive amounts of tourism dollars from a growing demographic as legalization is beginning to occur in numerous U.S. States. We would be foolish, quite frankly, not to advance this in Hawaii as a natural progression for a keen governing body to smartly advance. The bill appears to be well constructed and at 15% to the State on every purchase, we will receive MUCH needed revenue. The 15% is very generous in our opinion however, we support your willingness to open up the legislation and fight for this and make no complaint. We are pleased it is no more than 15%.

We either take this opportunity now and be among the progressives in the United States or sit back on our haunches wondering where we will find the money to restore the ahupua'a, the brilliant sustainable systems of food production of ancient Hawaii. The system that can dramatically

reduce the 85%+ of our food that is being shipped in. We can use money we earn from highly sustainable cannabis for the common man to provide temporary subsidization and funding to increase local, small organic farms and provide statewide sustainable organic farming education and guided incentives for new and willing farmers. We almost must.

Marijuana was criminalized by a trio of power players once upon a time. William Randolph Hearst had invested heavily in timber and was printing newspapers on tree pulp. Hemp paper was the top competitor and once widely used before marijuana was a common word, hemp, was a household word thought of as a textile. The paper Hearst sold was heavily processed and chemically treated by DuPont. At the same time, banker Andrew Mellon, our Secretary of the Treasury, had invested heavily in DuPont's new product Nylon, for which hemp was also a textile competitor. Seeking to eliminate hemp and dominate their respective markets, in collusion Secretary Mellon, Hearst and the DuPont family engaged in a massive national smear campaign. With all of Hearst's media and enormous fortunes at their fingertips, they criminalized hemp as marijuana and marijuana as a negative thing in a storm of widely reported, "yellow journalism."

Cannabis cultivation and culture has in so many ways been living on, in many parts of the world, and here, in a private culture, living on through a peaceful bonds between citizens. It is time to remove the restrictions and return to that freedom which puts your constituents' happiness before the direction of corporate interests which are not ultimately serving the greater good. There are a lot of people, even those who otherwise may farm nothing, who would be thrilled and dedicated, with the opportunity to study deeply and make this their life's work. Eliminate the taxpayer dollars spent on nearly meaningless personal use marijuana related convictions and jail time. Hawaii will bring innovation to recreational marijuana and encourage more citizens to engage in gardening and caring for nature.

Meanwhile our drunks are mowing over pedestrians, and that Nylon manufacturer Pioneer/DuPont is now conducting the majority of their

chemically carcinogenic, open air, genetically engineered crop experiments on us, here, in Hawaii. It is time to rectify the situation at large and the power is in your hands to advance Hawaii to a status of industry leaders for sustainable marijuana sale, cultivation and responsible enjoyment. If we are wise, industrial hemp must also arouse your vigor for sustainability and you should also seriously pursue, this year, now, HB154.

We can use the funds from cannabis to rehabilitate our damaged farmlands that have been mono-cropped and subjected to chemical and genetically engineered industrialized farming. Since we may never be able to grow food on that land again, we may need to legalize marijuana recreationally to support our budget and in a separate bill legalize industrial hemp (HB154) so the two support one another and use that otherwise practically diseased land to develop an industrial hemp industry. Hemp is an excellent phytoremediator and can draw remarkable toxins from the soil, requires little to no pesticides and can be used for over 1,000 truly sustainable purposes. Of course, the hemp would need to be rotated, like all healthy farming systems require. In the meantime, legalizing marijuana supports not only phenomenal economic growth but opens avenues for agricultural and environmental sustainability that can and will remarkably grow exponentially, together, joint in hand.

We are so proud, pleasantly surprised and pleased to see so many introductions on this bill. it makes me feel like our legislators, like you, are truly starting to get it, and reflect the will of the people. It is very encouraging. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please proceed with full support for SB699.

Mahalo nui loa,

Courtney Bruch  
Babes Against Biotech [501(c)3]  
Makawao, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I myself attain my medical marijuana license because i have degenerative disc disease in my lower back & have found marijuana to be a big releif when taken.

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1 February 2013

To the esteemed members of the legislature who will be hearing House Bill 699,

My name is Curtis Zimmerman. I have lived in Hawaii for almost 6 years now. During this time, I have been deployed on two combat tours with the Hawaii Army National Guard. I served with distinction and was honorably discharged in February of 2012. Over the span of three total combat tours as an infantry soldier, I injured my back and have developed arthritis in my hands and knees.

As a result of these injuries, I suffer from chronic, constant and almost unbearable pain in my back, my hands and my knees. In searching for pain relief, I have been prescribed many different pills. Most are ineffective in treating my pain, and the ones that are effective are addictive opioids that cloud my mind and prevent me from working. I own my own business in Hawaii, creating web and mobile applications. I simply cannot afford to spend my days attempting to treat my pain with medications that cause me to be unable to work.

Enter cannabis. I was first alerted to Hawaii's medical marijuana program by a doctor at the VA Hospital, who could himself do nothing for me, but instructed me to look online and seek out a doctor who would provide me a treatment plan to manage my pain without dangerous drugs.

I found Doctor David Barton, and made an appointment to see him. This was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I am able to treat my chronic pain with a medicine that is not dangerous and allows me to continue serving the community as a self-employed computer programmer. Without medical marijuana, I simply would not be able to function.

If there is one thing I could say through all of this, it's that the benefits I have received from medical marijuana are nothing short of miraculous. I have been given a new lease on life through Hawaii's compassionate medical marijuana program, and I encourage you to remove the criminality associated with this wonderful medicine, to allow more sick people to get a natural, safe treatment to help them live a happy and productive life without pain.

Very Respectfully,

Curtis D. Zimmerman  
President & CEO  
Red Division Development

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daisy Dagami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am all for it. We get to medicate, and state will benefit from taxes.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Emhof	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, it is good medicine when wisely used by a mature adult. This measure will lead to a new vibrant economy in Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edith Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please end this prohibition. Help our islands become the wonderful, happy place filled with healing mana of God's creations that it was before the war on drugs brought ICE to our homes. Concentrate our funds on busting the ICE houses. PLEASE END THE PROHIBITION ON MARIJUANA!

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edward bruffey	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
elisha belmont	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to Strongly Support passage of this bill! Our prisons have far to many inmates from simple consumption of a natural herb. I have long felt that industrial hemp would be an excellent replacement crop for sugar cane and pineapple fields that are no longer being planted. The USA imports most if not all of its hemp and passing this bill would pave the way for this lucrative crop to help Hawaii's economy. Medicinal Marijuana laws have shown that letting large segments of the population have access to this medicinal herb has done no harm. Finally the DEA's own web site, year after year lists 0 deaths from marijuana whereas alcohol kills ten's of thousands and even aspirin thousands each year. Please Pass this bill thank you elisha belmont

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack De Feo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am submitting additional testimony independently as a private citizen requesting the passage of HB699 to legalize marijuana in Hawaii. In addition to a growing social desire for citizens to legally enjoy cannabis in private areas with responsible regard to others, cannabis is also beneficial to the spiritual health of our people and visitors. It relieves stress and makes people happy and relaxed, and is safer than alcohol in my personal opinion and scientific medical evidence supports this. It alleviates pain and tension, and would bring significant economic gains to our state. Most importantly, the way I see it, we need marijuana legalized in order to proceed without unnecessary complications in regards to the highly sustainable, agriculturally rehabilitative industrial hemp. Without advocating for any monoculture whatsoever, we could have an enormous marijuana and hemp industry here. Hemp is held back by the undue criminalization of marijuana. Let's get the GMO's out, and plant the marijuana, the hemp and real, organic food, farmed here, supporting OUR economy. We will be a very wealthy state and able to do so many good things for Hawaii. We need to be a model to the rest of the world. Hemp is an excellent rotation crop as it withdraws toxins from the soil and it's cultivation has over 1,000 uses. After the years of chemical abuse on the land, it is absolutely necessary we pursue the legalization of both recreational marijuana, and hemp (HB154) in order to meet our sustainability goals. Thank you for considering my mana'o, please do support HB699 and ensure it passes completely. Mahalo, Jack De Feo

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**From:** Jack Zimmerman [jackmzimmerman@gmail.com]  
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**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Adult Use of Cannabis

I would like to go on record as supporting House bill 699. It is well passed being timely to have such a bill.

Jack Zimmerman

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james clarke	Individual	Support	No

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James Zampathas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We don't need to incarcerate more people for smoking marijuana. Our courts don't need the overwhelming expenses. It causes less harm than alcohol except to those who are caught with it. We need to work on the social issues of alcohol and marijuana, as well as legal prescription drug use, and the expense that they cause to society. Se the attached article By Andrew Cohen, from the NY Times from July of 2009..

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Notes

Isn't it time lawmak...



Today

Feb 1 11:54 AM

Isn't it time lawmakers stopped being such obvious tools of the old-boy-network and started making sensible decisions?

Legalize marijuana for ALL use and release this miracle plant from it's prison of prejudice and misunderstanding.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff McDonald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I do not even smoke it but seems like it is less dangerous than alcohol. Some people actually are better off rather than relying on the big pharm companies sell their pills. Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Bonifacio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I do not smoke the stuff, never tried it, nor will I do it. I support legalization because it will minimize but hopefully eliminate the secret grow areas that are protected by booby traps, etc., that unsuspecting hikers won't lose their life over. It will bring revenue to the islands but most importantly, bring back the use of a very sustainable crop that will help the aina and lower the cost of living of Hawaii. Treat the use like we do alcohol...no use while driving or on the job.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Killinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeremy	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: This is my testimony. Pot should be legal and taxed. Its less dangerous than alcohol and if individuals growing and selling pot have tax license our state will get a lot more tax revenue money while police can still arrest those who aren't licensed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerne' Willis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am submitting additional testimony independently as a private citizen requesting the passage of HB699 to legalize marijuana in Hawaii. In addition to a growing social desire for citizens to legally enjoy cannabis in private areas with responsible regard to others, cannabis is also beneficial to the spiritual health of our people and visitors. It relieves stress and makes people happy and relaxed, and is safer than alcohol in my personal opinion. It alleviates pain and tension, and would bring significant economic gains to our state. Most importantly, the way I see it, we need marijuana legalized in order to proceed without unnecessary complications in regards to the highly sustainable, agriculturally rehabilitative industrial hemp. Without advocating for any monoculture whatsoever, we could have an enormous marijuana and hemp industry here. Hemp is held back by the undue criminalization of marijuana. Let's get the GMO's out, and plant the marijuana, the hemp and real, organic food, farmed here, supporting OUR economy. We will be a very wealthy state and able to do so many good things for Hawaii. We need to be a model to the rest of the world. Hemp is an excellent rotation crop as it withdraws toxins from the soil and it's cultivation has over 1,000 uses. After the years of chemical abuse on the land, it is absolutely necessary we pursue the legalization of both recreational marijuana, and hemp (HB154) in order to meet our sustainability goals. Thank you for considering my mana'o, please do support HB699 and ensure it passes completely. Mahalo, Jerne' Willis

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Jessica dos Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill even though I do not use marijuana. It's time to move on to more pressing matters this world faces and face the fact that its better to regulate something that's happening on a wide scale, than to support dangerous underground tactics and black market type activity which drains our law enforcements funds unnecessarily.

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Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** Jim Hochberg [jim@hawaiifamilyadvocates.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2013 1:38 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB699

Dear Judiciary Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

My name is Jim Hochberg. I have been an attorney here in Honolulu since 1984. Since last summer I have also been the President of Hawaii Family Advocates, a social action 501C4 independent expenditure non candidate committee.

I oppose HB 699 which seeks to legalize recreational use of marijuana for people 21 years and older.

Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). As a Schedule I drug, marijuana is classified under the following criteria:

- A. The drug has a high potential for abuse.**
- B. The drug has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States**
- C. There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision.**

The CSA mandates that the scheduling and approval of drugs, including marijuana, must be done on both legal and scientific bases. The scheduling of a drug must conform to all applicable criteria contained in the CSA if the medicine includes a controlled substance. In June 2011, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reviewed a petition to reschedule marijuana. Based upon scientific and medical evaluation, as well as scheduling recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), DEA denied the petition to reschedule marijuana. HHS determined that marijuana has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the U.S., and lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision.

If that is the case, why would you legalize marijuana for recreational use? Because you want to raise tax revenues? Why stop at 15% tax on marijuana. Make the tax 100% to double the cost. It will also make it harder for the 20 year olds to afford it.

Why not legalize prostitution, pornography and lots of other vices so you can tax those transactions? If you want to relieve law enforcement of its duties by legalizing marijuana, why stop at marijuana in the drug war? Legalize all Schedule 1 controlled substances.

The reason you would not do those things is because they are bad policies. They are bad policies because people will be hurt or injured. In my opinion, your responsibility as legislators is to pass laws that point our society toward the good. We have to drive more slowly near schools and hospitals, because that is good. The police are there to ticket speeders who disregard that good law. Should you then remove all the speed limits so the police don't have responsibility any longer?

Your job is not to find ways to generate tax revenues unless the underlying activity is good for Hawaii.

What effect will legalized recreational marijuana have on our tourist industry? Have you thought much about that? Do you even know what being high on marijuana is like? If you don't, you should not legalize it because you have no idea what you are turning loose. If you do know first-hand, you would not vote for this bill.

This bill is way too broad. You define marijuana accessory so broadly that no one less than 21 years old is legally permitted to possess, use, display, purchase or transport a marijuana accessory. What would that cover? Try this list:

Dirt, water, fertilizer, garden hose, shovel, garden sheers, etc. How is that?

I oppose legalizing any vice as a means of raising tax revenue. In my opinion, any legislator that believes that is the appropriate exercise of the trust that was placed in you by the electorate, has sadly lost his or her way. We look to you to do what is good for Hawaii.

Thank you.

Jim Hochberg

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Jun Kato	Individual	Support	No

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Justin Ace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please kokua! We need the pakalolo fo all kine reasons, hemp, butter, baked goods, oils, what have you.

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JW Nalda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our law enforcement and judiciary budget would be more useful if employed elsewhere.

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Kahala Lei Azuma Maui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hemp is great for fuel, clothing, products, and more. Cannabis heals, especially when eaten in a salad. It cures cancer, works to calm nerves, can be taxed to generate revenues, is safer than alcohol or drugs, and has helped me on my road with Traumatic Brain Injury for years. You never hear about it causing domestic abuse or accidents (unless laced with another drug) or robberies. Marijuana users are statistically 10 times more likely to unite in aloha, than any other group of people. To legalize it would also reduce petty crimes, thus leaving plenty of space in prisons for the real criminals.

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Kaimi Ahu	Individual	Support	No

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kamuela vance	Individual	Support	No

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Karly Williams	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Keenan Carbonell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: LEGALIZE MARIJUANA FOR HAWAII COUNTY!!!

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Kelley Kaipo Peters	as a citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom	Support	No

Comments: The research supports the decriminalization of marijuana. To deny support will only prolong the eventual positive outcome against the fabricated lies, deceit, and misinfo regarding marijuana.

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Kendra Bristow	Individual	Support	No

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keone rivers	Individual	Support	No

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Krystal Meadows	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of HB699 to be passed.

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Leanne Parnell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Prohibition does not work. Legalizing the use of Cannabis and Hemp will not only free up precious resources for serious crimes, but allow for sustainable and renewable agriculture, textile and energy resources. Let's start making steps toward a sustainable 'aina. Aloha

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Lillian Mummert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii's economy would drastically improve. Less money would be spent arresting people for smoking a natural plant

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Lily Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a single mother of two, working a full time job and paying my taxes I feel that I have the right to choose how I live my life. As a recreational substance it is no different than a legal drink at home after a long day. Marijuana has never caused me to lose my job, not take amazing care of my children if anything it has allowed me more patience to give them the love they deserve. I absolutely believe that legalizing marijuana would be a benefit to many people and our community.

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Llewellyn H.N. Gay III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rep CARL ROBERTS CHAIR JUDICIARY  
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HSE Bill 699

My name is Louis Souza, Retired Major with the Honolulu Police Department, 41 years, 20 years with the Criminal Investigation and of those 20 yrs I was assigned 10 yrs with the Homicide District the other 21 years with various other assignments, like Legislative Liaison 8 yrs for the HPD, Traffic Enforcement 6 yrs and Patrol 7 yrs.

I strongly oppose this bill to legalize marijuana. The Federal Government opposes <sup>states</sup> legislation because studies have shown that this drug attacks the brain.

This bill will not benefit the public especially our young children. The law enforcement community will probably spend as much money to control the marijuana from getting into the wrong hands.

I believe the legislature have far more important items to address, like our retirement system. The legislature took over the years, like 900 million to address our short falls. I could go on but I'm sure you are aware of our problems we have today.

The legislature kept raising taxes and kept favoring the big guys and letting the middle and low income suffer. I would give you

EXAMPLES BUT I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

THE LEGISLATURE IS SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE TO TRY AND SAVE MONEY BY LEGALIZING MARIJUANA WITH MY EXPERIENCE YOU WILL NOT SAVE ~~SOMETHING~~ BUT CREATE MORE PROBLEMS.

AGAIN I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL FOR IT WON'T HELP THE COMMUNITY ONLY DAMAGE IT MORE.

THANK YOU TO ALLOW ME TO TESTIFY AND ONE LAST THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY. I BELIEVE I SPENT FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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Luis Enrique Magana	Individual	Support	No

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Luis Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The denial of the other uses of the hemp plant is the greater crime! Hemp has been in cultivation across many civilizations since the early agricultural periods. The plants have not only brought people a mild reprieve from their work days but more often have been grown to make clothing, rope, fuel, and even food. If my favorite farmer wants to burn the flowers and sell me his delicious greens (stir-friend simply, with garlic) that he doesn't want, should I be arrested for my hot salad?

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Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Support	No

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Mariah Martino	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Lilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to see this bill passed indefinitely. I have been a user of Marijuana for years and I have no side effects (Mental, Physical, Addiction, etc) I would also like to see the tax revenue from sales and its not like once the bill is passed that it cant be revoked if things dont work out (crime etc)

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Matthew Swalinkavich	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Nickle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to face the facts #1 no one has ever died from marijuana it has been falsely classified for decades we were wrong and facts and science prove this. #2 it's medicinal and some scientist claim it is the only drug that can reverse tumors and cancer. It also makes living with pain tolerable giving some an appetite that all these pharmaceuticals will never due they always cause nausea. Some have been able to stop taking harsh pharmaceuticals because marijuana increases appetite mood and some say cure all good things in my book. #3 fines and punishment are too extreme .#4 we stop importing drugs from other contries and go back to farming and prospering there is a lot of money to be made in our own country HEMP is easy to grow and can be used for thousands of products and produce I feel we are missing out on a very valuable resource # 6 I have only met a handful of people that have not tried marijuana and is as easy to get as alcohol it's illegal yet it doesn't stop anybody that's powerful! We do what we want because we know its natural and has been politically ruined but that's not our choice is it! #7 it's in our bodies naturally haha #8 it's makes people happy giggle smile eat live life to its fullest on your worst day it's a natural aspirin #9 there is an entire culture of pot smokers yep even grandparents we are somewhat clueless how many really partake if I had to guess I would say 60% smoke or want to 30% just don't care for the high and 10% are against it and probably have never tried it!

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Michael Estes	Individual	Support	No

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To: Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Rep. Sharon Har, Vice Chair  
From: Angela Breene  
RE: Relating to Marijuana – HB 699  
Hearing: Friday, February 1, 2013, Room 325  
Position: Strong Support

Aloha Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB699 relating to the taxation and regulation of marijuana. This bill will have multiple benefits to the people of Hawaii.

Common sense and science shows that Marijuana is a relatively harmless substance for adults to use. Legal prescription drugs and alcohol are far more dangerous to the health of society and individuals. The most dangerous thing about marijuana is the risk of prosecution. Health risks are less than those of cigarettes.

Economic benefits of HB 699 are obvious. It would save \$12 million a year in marijuana law enforcement costs and would bring in at least \$11.3 million a year in tax revenue. That's a \$23 million gain to the state coffers.

The current medical marijuana system in Hawaii is dysfunctional. HB 699 wisely transfers oversight to the Dept of Health where it belongs. Licensed users like myself need legal dispensaries and more plants allowed for cultivation. Any gardener or farmer will tell you that growing plants can be unpredictable, and crop loss very possible.

Do the right thing and let's pass HB 699 to the great benefit of the people of Hawaii. We must stop criminalizing marijuana use by adults. Let common sense prevail.

Mahalo,

Mike Bowen  
Nanakuli, Hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of legalizing marijuana as a potential for income for our state and provide work for our farmers.

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Aloha my name is Nicholas Adams,

I support legalization of Marijuana due to the fact that it is NOT harmful to the body or mind, it helps those who are sick, it brings peace to all who partake, you WILL save money on prosecution as crime rates decrease, and the biggest bonus especially to the state is the tax revenue that will boost the economy. Please take into consideration that benefits of Marijuana drastically out weigh the negatives and will help the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this bill,

Nicholas Adams

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nomi Carmona	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Representatives, I am submitting additional testimony independently as a private citizen requesting the passage of HB699 to legalize marijuana in Hawaii. In addition to a growing social desire for citizens to legally enjoy cannabis in private areas with responsible regard to others, cannabis is also beneficial to the spiritual health of our people and visitors. It relieves stress and makes people happy and relaxed, and is safer than alcohol in my personal opinion. It alleviates pain and tension, and would bring significant economic gains to our state. Most importantly, the way I see it, we need marijuana legalized in order to proceed without unnecessary complications in regards to industrial hemp. Thank you for considering my mana'o, please do support HB699 and ensure it passes completely. Mahalo, Nomi Carmona [youconduit@gmail.com](mailto:youconduit@gmail.com) Honolulu, HI 96815

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norbert	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: ok, so we have a problem in this world: we need peace not war.. legalizing war but prohibiting cannabis generates more profits to the state through incarceration and court fees.. this does not serve the people but only an elite few.. Statistics show cannabis/marihuana does no fatal harm to the individual that uses it or to society as a whole Average Annual Deaths in the US.. alcohol related 80,000.....legal cigarettes 500,000.....legal marihuana 0.....illegal there are many others but in principle it is a violation of human rights to regulate the experiences a sentient being has in his or her own mind.. Peace be with you and, In Love and Light!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pamela	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i think they should legalize marijuana cause i think it will make the state some revenue and the people with medical conditions dont have to worry

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pat Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please legalize it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Klink	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairman and committee. I am complete 100% support of this bill. It is time that Hawaii joins Colorado and Washington State and eventually the rest of the United States in the legalization and decriminalization of Marijuana. I have my medical card and the medicinal use of Marijuana in the form of tinctures and vapor has helped me in my Chemotherapy and targeted Radiation treatments, but it's still virtually impossible to acquire the marijuana legally to accomplish my medical needs. Recreational use, medical use and other uses can now be legalized, taxed and decriminalized. Freeing up legal expenses of prosecution as well as generate much needed tax revenue. Thank you for your time and attention.

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**Testimony in Strong Support of HB699  
to the House Judicial Committee  
Friday, Feb. 1, 2013  
Presented by Peter Thielen**

We have provided people with medical needs a license to possess and use medical marijuana, but we have not provided a way for most patients to get their medicine. We need a dispensing system for the vast majority of patients who have no way to produce or otherwise obtain their medication.

This picture shows the size of plants that have been grown outdoors. They are 12 inches tall. They need light for 12 hours a day or more. To get enough mature plant matter to use as medication, the patient or caregiver (grower) needs more plants than is currently legal to grow.

What about patients who can't afford the grow lights or have no room for such an expensive outlay? What about patients in care homes or assisted living? Don't we care about those patients who don't have the lifeline of a caregiver for their pain management?

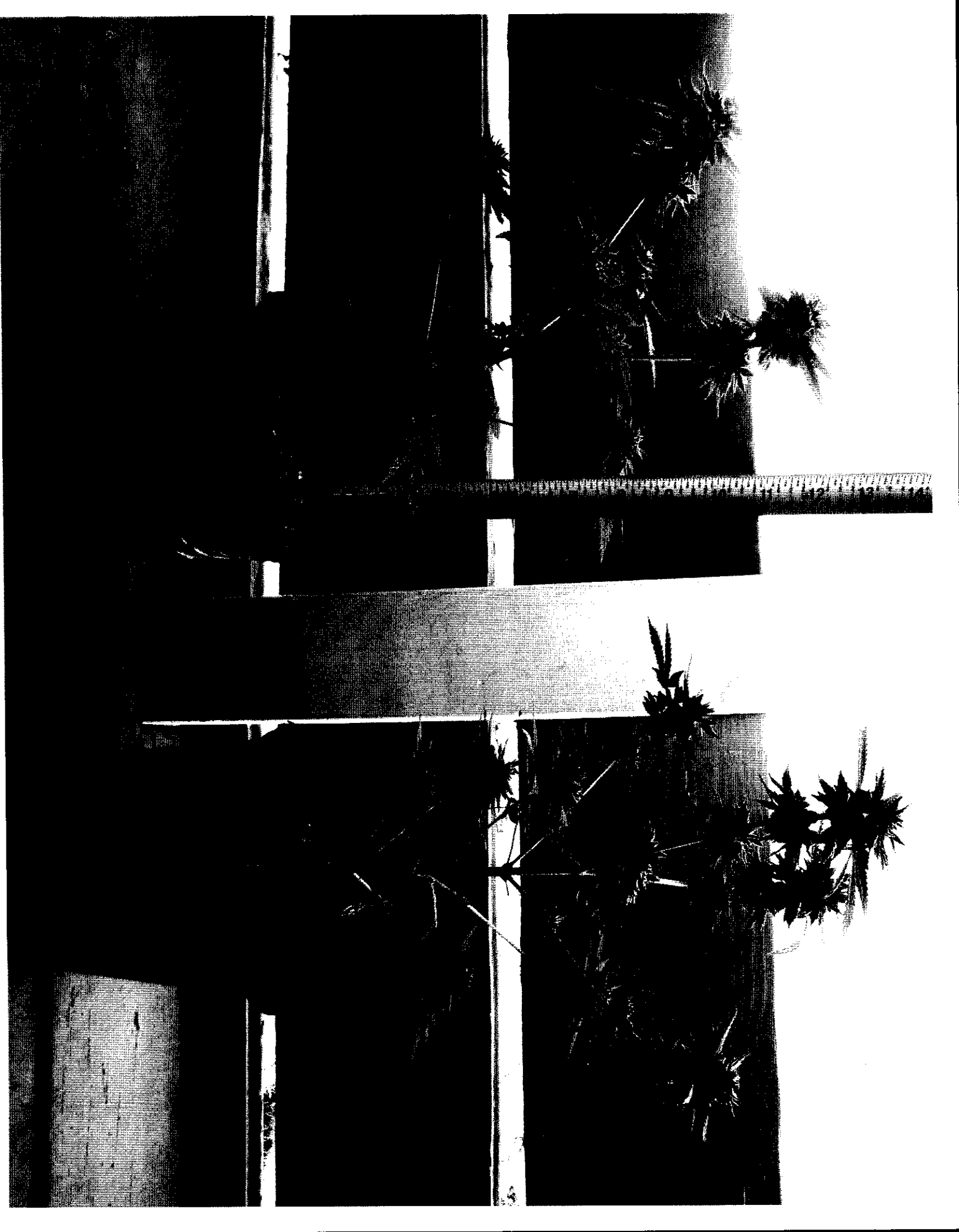
A dispensary creates a way for all patients to get medicine. In California, patients with an authorized medical marijuana card can go to a dispensary and get the medication they need in a variety of forms. This, in turn, creates opportunity for small businesses. Hawaii's entrepreneurs would benefit from such a system here. This opportunity for local businesses would be even greater if Hawaii legalized the personal use of cannabis.

Time magazine says the legalization of personal use of marijuana will result in a \$1.4 billion loss to Mexican drug cartels. How many hundreds of millions would stay in Hawaii if personal use of cannabis were legal here? As this pro-legalization movement spreads across the country, Hawaii is poised to take advantage of America's No. 1 cash crop.

House Bill 699 intends mainly to decriminalize marijuana, which would be a great decision. But right now we have allowed medical marijuana, yet we have no system to distribute it. Once we have dispensaries, we have a system to control and distribute marijuana. Setting this up with reciprocity for mainland visitors who are medical marijuana patients would enable them to get their medication here while on vacation. This would result in an increase in tourism to the islands.

Colorado has collected more than \$22 million in taxes off their marijuana dispensing system. By adding a dispensing system, with reciprocity, to this bill, we would:

1. provide medical aid to those who need it
2. increase tourism
3. increase small business
4. keep money in Hawaii
5. increase the local tax base
6. provide the country with a model with which to move forward.



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Rachael Chisom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes to HB 699. Hemp can heal our earth and our islands.

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Robert Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Completely agree with Babes Against Biotech and support legalization of marijuana in Hawaii. Aloha Representatives, We would be remiss not to legalize marijuana. The most obvious reason is that our state stands to profit greatly upon the legalization of marijuana. In addition we must consider this in order to ease the restrictions and encourage ease of legal navigation into industrial hemp. We need industrial hemp, it is one of the most sustainable textiles in the the world, and with marijuana illegal at 0.01% we will be hard pressed to proceed. It is for the following reasons Babes Against Biotech, with over 1,800 members and supporters, has taken a position in support of the legalization of marijuana in Hawaii and we urge you to pass with no reservations, HB699. We have the perfect environment to develop the cannabis and industrial hemp markets. We need the jobs, we need the business, it is a wise and strategic move in the name of commerce alone for the State of Hawaii. It will bring massive amounts of tourism dollars from a growing demographic as legalization is beginning to occur in numerous U.S. States. We would be foolish, quite frankly, not to advance this in Hawaii as a natural progression for a keen governing body to smartly advance. The bill appears to be well constructed and at 15% to the State on every purchase, we will receive MUCH needed revenue. The 15% is very generous in our opinion however, we support your willingness to open up the legislation and fight for this and make no complaint. We are pleased it is no more than 15%. We either take this opportunity now and be among the progressives in the United States or sit back on our haunches wondering where we will find the money to restore the ahupua'a, the brilliant sustainable systems of food production of ancient Hawaii. The system that can dramatically reduce the 85%+ of our food that is being shipped in. We can use money we earn from highly sustainable cannabis for the common man to provide temporary subsidization and funding to increase local, small organic farms and provide statewide sustainable organic farming education and guided incentives for new and willing farmers. We almost must. Marijuana was criminalized by a trio of power players once upon a time. William Randolph Hearst had invested heavily in timber and was printing newspapers on tree pulp. Hemp paper was the top competitor and once widely used before marijuana was a common word, hemp, was a household word thought of as a textile. The paper Hearst sold was heavily processed and chemically treated by DuPont. At the same time, banker Andrew Mellon, our Secretary of the Treasury, had invested heavily in DuPont's new product Nylon, for which hemp was also a textile competitor. Seeking to eliminate hemp and dominate their respective markets, in collusion Secretary Mellon, Hearst and the DuPont family engaged in a massive national smear campaign. With all of Hearst's media and enormous fortunes at their fingertips, they criminalized hemp as marijuana and marijuana as a negative thing in a storm of widely reported, "yellow journalism." Cannabis cultivation and culture has in so many ways been living on, in many parts of the world, and here, in a private culture, living on through a peaceful bonds between citizens. It is time to remove the

restrictions and return to that freedom which puts your constituents' happiness before the direction of corporate interests which are not ultimately serving the greater good. There are a lot of people, even those who otherwise may farm nothing, who would be thrilled and dedicated, with the opportunity to study deeply and make this their life's work. Eliminate the taxpayer dollars spent on nearly meaningless personal use marijuana related convictions and jail time. Hawaii will bring innovation to recreational marijuana and encourage more citizens to engage in gardening and caring for nature. Meanwhile our drunks are mowing over pedestrians, and that Nylon manufacturer Pioneer/DuPont is now conducting the majority of their chemically carcinogenic, open air, genetically engineered crop experiments on us, here, in Hawaii. It is time to rectify the situation at large and the power is in your hands to advance Hawaii to a status of industry leaders for sustainable marijuana sale, cultivation and responsible enjoyment. If we are wise, industrial hemp must also arouse your vigor for sustainability and you should also seriously pursue, this year, now, HB154. We can use the funds from cannabis to rehabilitate our damaged farmlands that have been mono-cropped and subjected to chemical and genetically engineered industrialized farming. Since we may never be able to grow food on that land again, we may need to legalize marijuana recreationally to support our budget and in a separate bill legalize industrial hemp (HB154) so the two support one another and use that otherwise practically diseased land to develop an industrial hemp industry. Hemp is an excellent phytoremediator and can draw remarkable toxins from the soil, requires little to no pesticides and can be used for over 1,000 truly sustainable purposes. Of course, the hemp would need to be rotated, like all healthy farming systems require. In the meantime, legalizing marijuana supports not only phenomenal economic growth but opens avenues for agricultural and environmental sustainability that can and will remarkably grow exponentially, together, joint in hand. We are so proud, pleasantly surprised and pleased to see so many introductions on this bill. it makes me feel like our legislators, like you, are truly starting to get it, and reflect the will of the people. It is very encouraging. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please proceed with full support for SB699. Mahalo nui loa, Nomi Carmona President Babes Against Biotech [501(c)3] [nomi@babesagainstbiotech.org](mailto:nomi@babesagainstbiotech.org) Honolulu, HI

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Rolando Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Im in full support for the legalization of Cannabis. As a Medicine and recreational...I dont drink alcohol and I dont smoke cigarettes!

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Aloha Representatives,

Please pass House Bill 699.

The main benefit from this will be hemp products. The original Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper. It's still in such great condition because hemp is very durable. Hemp paper is stronger, acid free, has a longer shelf life and costs less than half as much to process as tree paper. One acre of hemp (grown in a single season) yields as much paper as up to 4 acres of trees (which take many more years to grow). The benefits of hemp go on and on.

Also as a Hawai'i and US citizen it makes me extremely upset that police time is wasted catching people that are selling or using marijuana. Time and money needs to be spent catching criminals selling real drugs, i.e. meth. I do not approve of my tax dollars being spent on imprisoning marijuana users. The only apparent side effects of marijuana are becoming sleepy, hungry, and happy. It does not make sense to have this plant be illegal.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Samantha Berberich

Honolulu Resident

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sharon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: From the Big Island, sorry can't be there. It is curing CANCER! Thank you!

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Shawn Michael	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a no-longer smoker of marijuana I completely support this bill and all other efforts to decriminalize the possession, cultivation and use of marijuana. Shawn Michael Kihei Maui, Hawaii

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Sugandha Pomaski	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Werb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB699. It would be healing for people and the planet, and hugely profitable. Hemp is a gift from Gaia that even our forefathers recognized - our constitution and early currency was printed on hemp paper and our early presidents recognized its worth as a staple agricultural crop. Legalization would heal Hawaii and Hawaiians on so many levels - spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, ecologically and economically. The cultivation of this amazing herb would provide thousands of sustainable products. The timing is imperative for you to ride this wave as it is breaking now! Other states have recognized its obvious benefits and have legalized it or are poised to do so. If you act swiftly, Hawaii can position itself to compete or even lead this exploding market, and would no longer have to sell itself and its future to toxic industries that exploit the land and rape the divine feminine. This is the vision of your great King and Queen - a self-sustaining, environment-preserving, spiritually-enhancing industry providing purposeful and meaningful work for local people and future. The cultivation of marijuana and its use will return these sacred islands to the garden paradise they are meant to be. HB699 constitutes a great legal ho'opono. Thank you for seeing this issue with the eyes of your spirit and voting on it with the intelligence of your heart! You will be honored!

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Tyler Hanlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i wanna keep this short and simple. ive been too 4 or 5 doctors all have which put me on medication after medication and none helped with me eating and vomiting problem, than my friend smoked me out to a joint and i eat everything in my fridge that night. for the past 6 years almost marijuana is the only thing that has allowed me to keep a semi normal life please pass this bill so i could stop getting my house broken into and my REAL medicine stolen from me

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I have family members with depression, cancer, and other illnesses. I truly believe that marijuana has helped them cope with their symptoms. I fully support the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

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**From:** Tiff-Zach Cruz [zcruz671@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2013 1:00 PM  
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Aloha Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB699 relating to the taxation and regulation of marijuana. This bill will have multiple benefits to the people of Hawaii.

Common sense and science shows that Marijuana is a relatively harmless substance for adults to use. Legal prescription drugs and alcohol are far more dangerous to the health of society and individuals. The most dangerous thing about marijuana is the risk of prosecution. Health risks are less than those of cigarettes.

Economic benefits of HB 699 are obvious. It would save \$12 million a year in marijuana law enforcement costs and would bring in at least \$11.3 million a year in tax revenue. That's a \$23 million gain to the state coffers.

The current medical marijuana system in Hawaii is dysfunctional. HB 699 wisely transfers oversight to the Dept of Health where it belongs. Licensed users like myself need legal dispensaries and more plants allowed for cultivation. Any gardener or farmer will tell you that growing plants can be unpredictable, and crop loss very possible.

Do the right thing and let's pass HB 699 to the great benefit of the people of Hawaii. We must stop criminalizing marijuana use by adults. Let common sense prevail.

Mahalo,

Zachary Cruz  
Kalihi, Hawai'i

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