

**SB689**

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**TESTIMONY**

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Roz Baker, Vice Chair  
From: Rev. Dennis Shields  
RE: SB 689 - Relating to Pain Patients Bill of Rights  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 13, 2013, Room 229 at 1:30 p.m.  
Position: Strong Support

Aloha Chair Green

I urge the legislature to add cannabis to the patient's bill of rights

The protection of cannabis as an available effective pain mediation is paramount as cannabis is an essential part of many cannabis using patients successful management of pain

Many studies on the effectiveness of cannabis on pain mediation have been done

Such as : Cannabis Use in HIV for Pain and Other Medical Symptoms

<http://www.jpsmjournal.com/article/S0885-3924%2805%2900063-1/fulltext>

or that:

Cannabis Reduces Opioid Dose in the Treatment of Chronic Non-Cancer Pain

<http://www.jpsmjournal.com/article/S0885-3924%2803%2900142-8/fulltext>

and such study as

Chronic Pain and Cannabinoids

<http://www.drkoprp.com/pdfs/fibromyalgia/CannabinoidsPPM.pdf>

Cannabinoid analgesia as a potential new therapeutic option in the treatment of chronic pain

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16449552>

In MedPanel Summit, Leading Pain Experts Name Cannabinoids Among Most Promising Approaches to Treating Neuropathic Pain, Assert That Sociopolitical Climate Will Hamper Drug Approvals

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/545812/in\\_medpanel\\_summit\\_leading\\_pain\\_experts\\_name\\_cannabinoids\\_among\\_most/?source=r\\_health](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/545812/in_medpanel_summit_leading_pain_experts_name_cannabinoids_among_most/?source=r_health)

Dose-dependent Effects of Smoked Cannabis on Capsaicin-induced Pain and Hyperalgesia in Healthy Volunteers

[http://journals.lww.com/anesthesiology/Fulltext/2007/11000/Dose\\_dependent\\_Effects\\_of\\_Smoked\\_Cannabis\\_on.16.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/anesthesiology/Fulltext/2007/11000/Dose_dependent_Effects_of_Smoked_Cannabis_on.16.aspx)

Therapeutic potential of cannabis in pain medicine

<http://bjaoxfordjournals.org/content/101/1/59.full.pdf+html>

Characteristics of patients with chronic pain accessing treatment with medical cannabis in Washington State

[http://www.unboundmedicine.com/medline/citation/19947069/full\\_citation/Characteristics\\_of\\_patients\\_with\\_chronic\\_pain\\_accessing\\_treatment\\_with\\_medical\\_cannabis\\_in\\_Washington\\_State](http://www.unboundmedicine.com/medline/citation/19947069/full_citation/Characteristics_of_patients_with_chronic_pain_accessing_treatment_with_medical_cannabis_in_Washington_State)

as all these and MANY other studies and articles show is that cannabis and Cannabinoids are effective in revealing pain

further cannabis is safer than many over the counter pain medications as aspirin or Tylenol which can kill or cause liver failure.

One reason many folks prefer cannabis to other medications is its relative safety and many find it gives better relief

Please protect a patient's right to choose what is for them the safest and most effective pain management than Opioids and other addictive medications

Mahalo

Rev. Dennis Shields

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To: Senator Josh Green Chair & Roz Baker, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express strong support for bill SB 689.

After years of trying to deal with stomach pain caused by stress and taking every anti-acid and Protein Pump Inhibitor known to modern medicine, I finally found relief by occasionally smoking cannabis before going to bed. I tried cannabis because the only thing that seemed to work was Valium. The cannabis has proved just as effective without the side effects of Valium. I have a medical cannabis card and have been smoking cannabis through a vaporizer about twice a week for the past two years with no ill effects. If I am no longer able to use cannabis to control this condition, I will probably become addicted to valium or some other opiate pain killer, as without the relief the cannabis provides I can not sleep due to the pain.

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Roz Baker, Vice Chair

From: Kit Grant

RE: SB 689 - Relating to Pain Patients Bill of Rights

Hearing: Wednesday, February 13, 2013, Room 229 at 1:30 p.m.

Position: Strong Support

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chairl Baker and honorable Committee members,

I write in strong support of SB 689. I believe that the government should rarely if ever get mixed up in decisions made between a doctor and his or her patient. Patients have a right to appropriate treatment recommendations for their pain from their doctors, and medical professionals have an affirmative responsibility to assess and treat pain in their patients. Cannabis can be an effective, non-opiate alternative in treating pain - and so pain conditions should be added to the list of ailments for which medical marijuana should be recommendable in Hawaii. Please pass SB 689.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Grant

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Testimony for HTH on Feb 13, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Bacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cannabis has been proven to be effective in the treatment of pain and has helped patients reduce their use of more dangerous prescription drugs. Cannabis is a safe medication that is relatively non-addicting and has no known fatalities. Many scientific studies now prove that cannabis is also a very effective pain medication, especially for the most difficult to treat chronic pains such as nerve pain. Hawai'i Medical Association (HMA) passed a resolution recommending that cannabis be rescheduled as a Schedule III controlled substance (same as Vicodin) that could be routinely prescribed by physicians.

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