

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

478

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 668

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 668 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the State's medical use of marijuana program from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Health.

The Department of Public Safety, the Community Alliance on Prisons, The Libertarian Party of Hawaii, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Drug Policy Action Group, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Americans for Safe Access, Big Island Chapter, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii Police Department, County of Maui Police Department, City and County of Honolulu Police Department, and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of Health, Department of Human Resources Development, and several individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Eliminating provisions regarding the registration and written certification requirements for medical marijuana;

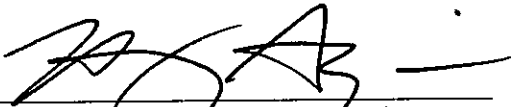
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- (2) Specifying that the transfer of agency jurisdiction and responsibilities of the medical use of marijuana program under this measure must occur no later than June 30, 2014;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health to develop a plan regarding the agency jurisdiction and responsibility transfer, and to submit a report on the transfer, which includes the plan and an implementation timeline, to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2014; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Public Safety that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 668, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 668, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Public
Safety,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



