

HCR 48

Testimony –

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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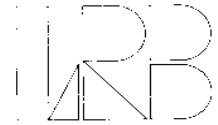
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Written Comments

HCR48, HD2

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Charlotte A. Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director

Presented to the Senate Committees on Higher Education,
Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Chairs Taniguchi, Green and Baker and Members of the Committees:

Good morning Chairs Taniguchi, Green and Baker and members of the Committees, thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments on H.C.R. No. 48, H.D. 2, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana.

The purpose of this measure is to, among other things:

- (1) Request the Public Policy Center at the University of Hawaii to convene a Medical Marijuana Dispensary System Task Force (Task Force) to develop recommendations to establish a regulated statewide medical marijuana dispensary system to provide safe and legal access for qualified patients to medical marijuana;
- (2) Place the Task Force within the Public Policy Center for administrative purposes and request that it make recommendations and propose legislation on the design and structure of a regulated statewide dispensary system for medical marijuana;

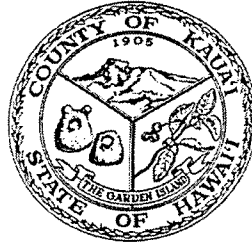
- (3) Request that the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau), no later than September 1, 2014, complete and submit to the Task Force an updated and revised version of its 2009 report, "Access, Distribution, and Security Components of State Medical Marijuana Programs," which is to include an update of the policies and procedures for access, distribution, security, regulation of dispensaries, and other relevant issues related to the growing and dispensing of medical cannabis in all states that have a medical marijuana program;
- (4) After completion and submission of the Bureau's report to the Task Force, request that the Task Force hold at least one public hearing to receive public input on the updated report; and
- (5) Request the Task Force to submit a report of the study to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.

The Legislative Reference Bureau takes no position on this measure, but believes that the services requested under this measure, as currently drafted, are manageable and that the Bureau will be able to provide the services in the time allotted; provided that the Bureau's interim workload is not adversely impacted by too many other studies or additional responsibilities, such as conducting, writing, or finalizing other reports, drafting legislation, or both, for other state agencies, task forces, or working groups that may be requested or required under other legislative measures.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide written comments.

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April 14, 2014

**TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HCR 48, HD 2, REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULATED
STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

Committee on Higher Education
Committee on Health
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
9:45 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Chair Green, Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony supporting the intent of HCR 48, HD 2, which requests the establishment of a task force to develop recommendations for establishing a Statewide dispensary system for medical marijuana. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council.

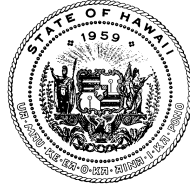
I support the intent of this Resolution as it is a step forward in addressing an issue that will have considerable impacts to that State of Hawai'i. However, I strongly encourage the Committee to amend these measures, to include a representative from each County in the list of task force representatives. It is my understanding that there is an impression that the Counties may be responsible for managing the dispensary systems. If this is the case, more so, County representation should be included in all preliminary discussions.

For the reasons stated above, I ask this Senate Joint Committee amend this measure to include County representation. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

TIM BYNUM
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH, COMMERCE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**HCR 48, HD2, REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL
MARIJUANA**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

April 15, 2014

1 **Department's Position:** Support

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure requests that the Public Policy Center at the University of
4 Hawaii assume administrative responsibility and convene a task force to develop recommendations and
5 propose legislation for the design and structure of a regulated statewide medical marijuana dispensary
6 system. This measure lists the membership of the task force and requests the legislative Reference
7 Bureau to update, revise, and submit to the Task Force, its 2009 report, "Access, Distribution, and
8 security Components of State Medical Marijuana Programs." The task force is to submit a report of
9 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature 20 days prior to the
10 start of the 2015 Regular Session

11 The Department supports having a broad task force take an informed thoughtful approach to the
12 many issues involved with establishing medical marijuana dispensaries in Hawaii. The Department
13 agrees to participate as a member of the task force. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Dear Chairs Taniguchi, Green, and Baker and Members:

SUBJECT: House Concurrent Resolution No. 48, H.D. 2, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana

I am Jerry Inouye, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Concurrent Resolution No. 48, H.D. 2, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana.

A study by the University of California, Los Angeles, found that the more medical marijuana dispensaries and delivery services a city has, the more its residents use marijuana regardless of whether or not they have a medical reason. Opening marijuana dispensaries will widen availability and misuse regardless of the controls that are in place.

Although medical marijuana is currently legal in Hawaii for use by the seriously ill, research by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicates that marijuana has no current acceptable or proven medical use. The FDA does not approve the use of marijuana as a form of medical treatment.

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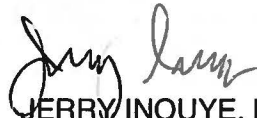
The American Society of Addiction Medicine rejects smoking marijuana as a means of drug delivery. The American Cancer Society does not advocate the use of marijuana in its inhaled form. The American Glaucoma Foundation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society state that they cannot recommend the medical use of marijuana. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association are opposed to the legalization of marijuana. The American Psychiatric Association states that there is no current scientific evidence that marijuana is in any way beneficial for the treatment of any psychiatric disorder. They further state that no medication approved by the FDA is smoked.

Components of marijuana do have medical value, and research in the area is ongoing. Nabilone and dronabinol have already been approved by the FDA. Doctors are allowed to prescribe these medications, and pharmacies are allowed to fill those prescriptions. Other drugs are pending FDA approval or are being scientifically developed.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Concurrent Resolution No. 48, H.D. 2, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana.

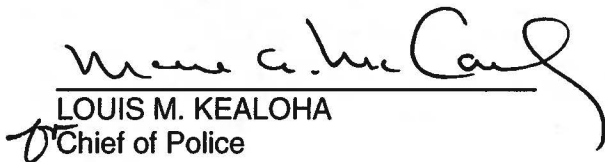
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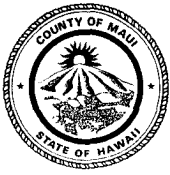


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April 15, 2014

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And Members of the Committee on Higher Education
The Senate

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Health
The Senate

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Senate

RE: House Concurrent Resolution No. 48, HD2 - REQUESTING THE
CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL
MARIJUANA

Dear Chairs Taniguchi, Green, Baker and Members of the Committees:

The Maui Police Department opposes the passage of H.C.R. No. 48, HD2. The passage of this bill requests the convening of a task force to develop recommendations for the establishment of a regulated statewide dispensary system for medical marijuana.

The Maui Police Department is concerned that this resolution will further increase the use and abuse of marijuana within our community by setting a path for normalization and lowering the perception that marijuana can be a harmful drug especially for our youth. We also concur with previously submitted testimony against this resolution by the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii and the Honolulu Police Department.

The Maui Police Department asks that you oppose the passage of H.C.R. No. 48, HD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

For GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police



April 14,2014

TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair of Higher Education, Senator Josh Green, Chair of the Senate Health Committee, Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair of Commerce and Consumer Protection and Members of the Committees.

From: Susan Chandler, Director, College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center

Re: HCR 48, HD2 April 15, 2014, 9:45 Conference room 229

Members of the Higher Education, Health and Consumer Protection Committees. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I have been asked to respond to the request to have the Public Policy Center (PPC) convene a Medical Marijuana Dispensary System Task Force, review the recommendations of the updated Legislative Reference Bureau's report, summarize the recommendations heard from the Task Force members and report back to the Legislature on a design and structure of a regulated statewide dispensary system.

While the PPC does not have substantive expertise in this particular area to conduct research in this area, or sufficient funding to staff a large Task Force, since the bill will utilize the expertise of the Legislative Reference Bureau that will be updating a study it has already conducted on how other states have established such dispensary systems, we are willing and able to convene a group of stakeholders and policy experts and facilitate their meetings; prepare agendas; keep minutes; write progress reports and submit a final report based on the Task Force's recommendations to the Legislature. These activities come under the Center's mission to assist the State of Hawai'i by facilitating policy dialogs on crucial issues.

Susan M. Chandler, Ph.D.
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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From: Hawaii Medical Association

Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ronald Kienitz, DO Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HCR48HD2

In Support

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports this resolution and its intent to form a more disciplined method of operating the medical cannabis program. The HMA believes that the formation of a program with integrity is crucial if Hawaii is to have a respected integration of medical cannabis into the health care system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Room 229

SUPPORT for HCR 48 HD2 – Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana

Aloha Chairs Taniguchi, Green and Baker and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,800 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that approximately 1,500 Hawai'i individuals are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure that respects the spirit and intent of Act 228 of 2000 – to relieve the suffering of Hawai'i's sick and dying citizens.

Hawai'i's law is silent on how a patient can obtain medical marijuana after receiving a recommendation from a doctor. Sending sick people to the black market to relieve their pain and suffering is mean-spirited and controverts the compassion that was the impetus for this law.

Twenty states and Washington D.C. have medical marijuana laws and thirteen have regulated dispensary systems while several other states are in the process of implementing laws for the establishment of dispensaries for medical marijuana.

Dr. Sanjay Gupta's pronouncement that he has been wrong about marijuana is widely known. When he saw the change in Charlotte Figge (the little girl suffering from uncontrollable seizures) and the effects of marijuana on calming those seizures, he investigated further and became convinced that this medicine was safe and effective.

A system of regulated dispensaries would help patients find the strain of marijuana that would be most effective in treating their illness/ailment.

Marijuana makes chemical contact with human bodies through cannabinoids, which are chemical compounds in marijuana (cannabis). The human body also creates cannabinoids. The body creates cannabinoids on-demand, such as when they are produced to serve as neuroprotectants when the brain's nerve cells begin to fire too much, as in the case of stress, seizures or an impact to the brain.

Our bodies also have cannabinoid receptors. Together, the cannabinoids and their receptors make up the human cannabinoid system.

Just as there was a time when we didn't know we had immune systems or hormonal systems, until 1988 we didn't know that we had cannabinoid systems.

The human body produces and utilizes its own cannabinoids, but the body can also utilize cannabinoids from external sources. One source of exogenous cannabinoids is marijuana, or to use marijuana's botanical name, cannabis. Because these cannabinoids are plant-based, they would be considered phytocannabinoids. Phytocannabinoids from marijuana fit nicely into human cannabinoid receptors. Thus, the cannabinoids from the cannabis plant can be utilized by the human cannabinoid system.

In a QMark research poll released in January 2014, regulated dispensaries for medical marijuana are a recognized patient need supported by 85% of voters in the state. Regulated dispensaries are a much better solution than expecting our sick and dying people to suffer or break the law to get the medicine their doctor recommends.

In the Hawaiian community, I have been told that kupuna are concerned about how to get their medicine without criminalizing their `ohana. The local family with the five-year old daughter suffering from seizures as well as patients with a number of ailments that medical marijuana has helped would benefit tremendously if they could access the strain of marijuana that would best address their medical issues.

Please support Hawai'i's sick and dying people by establishing a task force to develop a regulated system of dispensaries.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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TO: Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Gilbert Kahele
Members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education, Health, and Commerce
and Consumer Protection

FROM: John Bickel, President
Americans for Democratic Action/Hawai'i

RE: Support and Comments on HCR 48, HD2 REQUESTING THE CONVENING
OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY
SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii support HCR 48. Our State has made the enlightened move to allow the medical use of marijuana but has not provided a safe way for those who have the medical need to get the required marijuana. A task force would be a good first step in this direction. Patients are criminalized by the current process. Please pass this resolution.



Committees: Committee on Higher Education, Committee on Health, and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, April 15, 9:45 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 229
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.C.R. 48, H.D. 2

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Higher Education, Chair Green and Members of the Committee on Health, and Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.C.R. 48, H.D. 2, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for the Establishment of a Regulated Statewide Dispensary System for Medical Marijuana.

There is currently no legal way for patients to obtain medical marijuana, besides growing it themselves. This puts patients who are unable to grow marijuana (due to living situation or physical health) in an extremely difficult situation, because they must break the law in order to procure their medication. This resolution is a step toward eliminating the gray area of how to obtain medical marijuana, thus sparing patients from having to resort to the black market.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Gluck
Senior Staff Attorney
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TO: Senate Committees on Higher Education, Health & Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Pamela Lichty, MPH
President

DATE: April 15, 2014, room 229, 9:45 a.m.

RE: H.C.R. 48 H.D. 2 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGULATED STATEWIDE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA - **In Strong Support**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Chair Green, Chair Baker and members of the Committee. My name is Pam Lichty and I'm testifying in strong support of this measure on behalf of the Drug Policy Action Group, the governmental affairs arm of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii.

I know your Committees are well aware of the pressing need for a medical cannabis dispensary system in the state of Hawaii. H.C.R. 48, H.D. 2 presents an overview of Hawaii's medical marijuana law and explains the urgent need for safe and legal access to this medicine. I don't think there's a need to further explain the many reasons Hawaii needs such a system.

To put this need in context, there are now at least 18 different dispensary systems laws enacted in the respective medical marijuana states plus D.C. Some of these jurisdictions have active dispensaries, while others are in various stages of implementation.

The task force called for in this resolution is critically important to help Hawaii design a carefully regulated, tightly controlled system which safeguards the public while providing access to the 13,000 patients who are registered in this program. The timing of this task force is perfect since the medical marijuana program is moving from PSD to DOH effective January 2015. **Above all because Hawaii is starting from scratch, and because we have numerous**

models to look to, we have a unique opportunity to do a dispensary program right.

We think the establishment of a task force to make specific recommendations on a dispensary system for our state is an absolute necessity if Hawaii is ever to have an effective, well regulated distribution system in place for the many patients who are unable to grow their own supply.

I have a few specific comments on H.C.R. 48, H.D. 2 itself. We think it is useful that the LRB is asked here to issue a revised and updated version of their 2009 report. Although the latter was published only five years ago, the landscape of medical marijuana regulation has changed dramatically.

In the 2009 report it lists thirteen active medical marijuana programs; there are now twenty-one plus D.C. (Maryland enacted a law just this month.) Whereas the LRB found only two or three states with a distribution system, Hawaii is now one of only two or three medical marijuana jurisdictions that does **not** have a dispensary system - either in place or in the process of implementation. The Federal government, while still maintaining its position that there is no legitimate use for cannabis as medicine, has nonetheless issued a series of directives with the effect of granting states autonomy, as long as their programs adhere to commonsense guidelines.

We think that the Public Policy Center at the University of Hawaii is perfectly positioned to convene the task force. Not only does such a role fit perfectly with their mandate of "facilitating a policy dialogue," the Center is also a highly credible and neutral body to perform this role.

We are pleased that our sister organization, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, has been added to the Task Force. We have been working on issues surrounding medical marijuana since before the 2000 passage of the law; we are in regular contact with relevant programs in many of the other jurisdictions; and, as President of the Drug Policy Forum, I served as co-chair of the Medical Cannabis Working Group in 2009-10 which is mentioned in the resolution.

We hope and anticipate that by establishing this Task Force with its mandate to recommend and propose legislation, the Legislature will be poised next session to pass a law to establish a long overdue, well-designed, tightly regulated dispensary system to serve the needs of Hawaii nei.

Thank you for hearing this measure today, and for giving us the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Bacher	Hawaiian Standard & Green Futures	Support	Yes

Comments: Since 2000, the State has remained silent on the regulation of Medical Cannabis. The result has been that patients have been left at the mercy of criminal organizations who do not hesitate to fill the legal void with poor quality products, short-term outrageous profit squeezing, and incentives for violence. This Resolution for convening a task force will help to ensure that we can finally enact functional regulations to ensure Safe Access to Safe Medicine as well as protect everybody's interests and take everybody's concerns into consideration. This is an important step towards setting standards for this industry, and patients and our economy has already waited too long.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Ariel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am 59 years old and my aches and pains from old injuries continue to be a growing problem. The gymnastic neck injury that qualified me for my medical marijuana card is just part of the problem. I never reported most of my other injuries because I was so 'macho tough'. Well, as I age those injuries continue to come back to 'haunt' me and medical marijuana helps me deal with my aches and pains. PLEASE make things easier for me by making it easier for me to get my medicine. Don't do ANYTHING to make it more difficult for me to get my medicine. Thank you!

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STRONG SUPPORT

I strongly support the resolution for the legislature to convene a task force to develop a dispensary.

Over 1300 patients living in Hawaii are legally certified to obtain medical cannabis in Hawaii but have no way to obtain it! they must grow their own expensive, time consuming, unregulated medicine. Or Certified Patients must go to the street for black market medicine.

A task force is a way to safely administer safe, effective, and revenue generating medicine for Hawaii patients. With all the key stakeholders that the legislature will appoint to the task force, we can deliver this medicine to the patients who are certified and remain consistent with, and in support of, current Hawaii medical marijuana laws.

Create the task force! Pass HCR48!

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Comments: Aloha, Chair & Committee Members, Patients have been made into criminals. It is almost impossible for patients to grow what they need so, off to the nearest dealer! The current status of the law puts patients, who are already enduring extraordinary problems already, at high risk of being harmed by forcing them to the black market to find medicine. STOPPING the war on SICK people can begin with this!! Mahalo ahead of time for your compassion in passing this!

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