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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO RESEARCH,  
DISCUSS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EDIBLE MEDICAL  
MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, several states, including Hawaii, have enacted  
2 medical marijuana laws; and

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4           WHEREAS, chapter 329, part IX, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was  
5 enacted pursuant to Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, to  
6 establish the medical marijuana program and create an exemption  
7 from criminal sanctions for the medical use of marijuana; and

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9           WHEREAS, furthermore, chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised  
10 Statutes, was enacted pursuant to Act 241, Session Laws of  
11 Hawaii 2015, to establish medical marijuana dispensaries that  
12 may begin operations in July 2016; and

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14           WHEREAS, as Hawaii expands its medical marijuana program  
15 through dispensaries, it is important that continuous research  
16 and discussion occur pertaining to medical marijuana best  
17 practices, including issues related to manufactured marijuana  
18 products; and

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20           WHEREAS, while the types of manufactured marijuana products  
21 permitted to be manufactured by medical marijuana dispensaries  
22 are limited to the types enumerated in section 329D-10, Hawaii  
23 Revised Statutes, recommendations on whether to also allow  
24 edible medical marijuana products may be beneficial; now,  
25 therefore,

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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature is  
30 urged to convene a working group to research, discuss, and make



1 recommendations for legislation regarding edible medical  
2 marijuana products; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
5 to include:

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- 7 (1) Two members of the Senate standing committee with
- 8 primary jurisdiction over commerce, consumer
- 9 protection, and health, to be appointed by the
- 10 President of the Senate;
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- 12 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives standing
- 13 committee with primary jurisdiction over health, to be
- 14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 15 Representatives;
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- 17 (3) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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- 19 (4) Two community members who represent dispensary
- 20 licensees, to be appointed by the Governor;
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- 22 (5) One member from the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i;
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- 24 (6) Two registered medical marijuana patients, to be
- 25 appointed by the Governor;
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- 27 (7) Two medical marijuana manufacturers currently making
- 28 marijuana products, to be appointed by the Governor;
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- 30 (8) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the
- 31 Director's designee; and
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- 33 (9) The Director of Transportation or the Director's
- 34 designee; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one member of the Senate be  
37 designated by the President of the Senate and one member of the  
38 House of Representatives be designated by the Speaker of the  
39 House of Representatives to serve as co-chairs of the working  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group meet a minimum of four times before January 1, 2017, to discuss:

- (1) New medical marijuana edible products, including drinks, for patients;
- (2) Packaging for medical marijuana edible products;
- (3) Best practices in other states;
- (4) Quality control and potency of medical marijuana edible products; and
- (5) Any other pertinent issues relating to medical marijuana products that may be sold at medical marijuana dispensaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group meetings be open to the public and include a segment for public comment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to assist the working group with research, take notes at meetings, provide minutes of meetings, and prepare the working group's final report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved on June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Director of Health, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Director of Transportation, Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.

