

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 29, 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 127  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 127 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF DECRIMINALIZING THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DRUGS FOR PERSONAL USE IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of decriminalizing the illegal possession of drugs for personal use in Hawaii. The Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017.

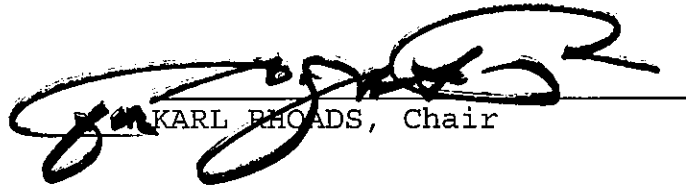
The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, The Libertarian Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Dispensary Alliance, Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Drug Policy Action Group, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. One concerned individual testified in opposition. The Legislative Reference Bureau provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by limiting the scope of the survey to criminal drug offenses in Hawaii that are a class C felony or lower and pertain to the illegal possession for personal use of a drug.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 127, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 127, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

  
KARL RHOADS, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HCR 127</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>JUD</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>03/24/16</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.				✓
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
8. LEE, Chris	✓			
9. MORIKAWA, Dee				✓
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				✓
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
13. McDERMOTT, Bob			✓	
14. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (14)</b>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u><i>Karl Rhoads</i></u>				
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