

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 18, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2915
S.D. 2
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2915, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for consistency with amendments in federal controlled substances law.

The Department of Public Safety; Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association; and numerous individuals supported this measure. Walgreen Co. provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the definitions of "medical marijuana dispensary", "medical marijuana production center", and "retail dispensing location";
- (2) Removing the requirements that individuals who store, conduct research, and conduct chemical analysis of controlled substances must register with the Department of Public Safety and follow appropriate controlled substance rules;



- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee has concerns regarding certain provisions relating to medical marijuana as these provisions may conflict with Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. Should your Committee on Judiciary further deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it request information from the Department of Public Safety on whether the proposed changes in this measure are consistent with the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2915, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2915, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2915, SD2	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD, FIN	Date: 3/16/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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