

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **436**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 682
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 682
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit
discrimination against medical marijuana patients and caregivers
by schools, landlords, employers, courts, and licensing boards, or
with regard to medical care or parental rights.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Green Futures; Drug Policy Action Group; Alternative Pain
Management Pu'uhonua, LLC; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Hawaii
Cannabis Care; Sacred Truth Mission; Community Alliance on
Prisons; Americans for Safe Access, Big Island Chapter; and
thirty-three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the City and County of Honolulu
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Department of Health, Department of the Attorney
General, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii Family Forum, and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that support for the medical use of
marijuana in the State is strong, but existing protections for
patients are very weak regarding civil penalties. Patients within
the medical marijuana program should not be less secure in their
housing, school enrollment, employment, or supplemental medical



care than patients who have made different private decisions with their doctors concerning medication.

Your Committee has heard the testimony of the Department of the Attorney General expressing concerns related to the federal restrictions of marijuana and certain occupations, such as medical first responders or those who are required to carry a firearm. Your Committee finds that this issue raises concerns that merit further consideration and requests that your Committee on Judiciary and Labor further examine those issues and concerns if it chooses to hear this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 682, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 682, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

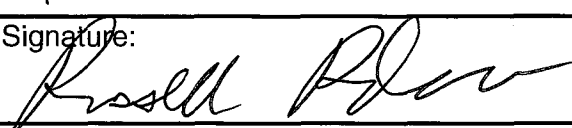


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 682	Committee Referral: HTH, JDL	Date: 2/18/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes