

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENATE BILL 1019

RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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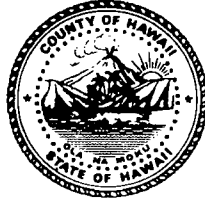
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PERSON TESTIFYING:

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(Written Testimony Only)

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February 17, 2015

Senator Josh Green
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Health
415 South Beretania Street, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Senate Bill 1019 Relating to Medical Marijuana

Dear Senator Green:

The Hawai'i Police Department strongly opposes passage of Senate Bill 1019, relating to Medical Marijuana. The purpose of this Bill is to require hospitals to designate a specific room on site where a qualifying patient with a medical marijuana registration certificate who is admitted for at least one night may use prescribed medical marijuana upon presenting evidence of a current medical marijuana registration certificate.

This Bill seemingly fails to take into account that hospitals for the most part are on central air conditioning which means other patients and Health workers will in all probability be exposed to the mind altering chemicals attendant to Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). In the event hospitals are able to isolate a room from central air conditioning you would still have the problem of someone smoking in a hospital with oxygen in the area or others who still could be exposed. Health workers who are exposed would in all probability be forced to file worker's compensation claims. In that our sworn employees are often summoned to hospitals we are concerned as to their welfare and possible exposure.

Secondhand inhalation of Marijuana by health workers or law enforcement officers could lead to judgmental errors in the performance of their duties.

This Bill seems to ignore the fact that only a small number of physicians currently certify Medical Marijuana use and would force those physicians who oppose such use to be placed into a position against their better judgment.

For these reasons, we urge this committee on behalf of the community we serve to reject this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to testify on Senate Bill No. 1019.

Sincerely,


HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF

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Jari S.K. Sugano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB1019 Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Senate Health Committee, I thank you for this opportunity to provide my personal testimony in strong support of SB1019. We support this bill allowing medical marijuana patients to utilize their medication in a hospital setting. We know through first hand experience that a missed dose or inability to administer a scheduled treatment results in a loss is seizure control. Long term control is impossible for patients like my daughter who are frequently admitted to the hospural for various medical reasons. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for SB1019.

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Robert Bacher	Green Futures	Support	No

Comments: This would help patients to have access at medical facilities.

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sharon	Individual	Support	No

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ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL
Senate Committee on Health
Hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room #414

DATE: February 16, 2015

TO: Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, Executive Director

RE: Reservations on SB 682; SB 1019; SB 1291: Relating to Medical Marijuana

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on medical marijuana and why we have serious concerns about the bills referenced above. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations. While we have compassion for people who are ill and are staunch supporters of providing better end of life care for people who are in pain and suffering, we have serious concerns about the expansion of access to medical marijuana and their potential ramifications on the wider community – especially with regards to our keiki.

Although we will leave the discussion as to the regulatory functions and applicability to the legal experts, we do offer these five reasons why we are concerned:

1) Marijuana use, cultivation and dispensing goes against federal law.

Although 23 states (and D.C.) have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana, (including Hawai'i which legalized it for medicinal use in 2000)ⁱ, the bottom line remains that **it is still illegal to possess, use or distribute marijuana according to federal law.**

2) Expanded access to marijuana will hurt our keiki.

Once the bridge is built to widen its access and availability, our keiki will be caught in the crossfire. There's a reason marijuana is the most widely used illegal drug in the world – it becomes an addiction. The bottom line is that people can't stop using it once they startⁱⁱ. And once they start, it can become a pathway to other drugs. Even though proponents have tried to dismiss this argument, clinical studies continue to prove otherwise. Medical marijuana use can also hurt a child during his or her mother's pregnancy.ⁱⁱⁱ

3) Medical marijuana opens the door for passage of recreational use of marijuana.

The argument for medical marijuana usually is just a way of opening the door to the recreational use of marijuana. When a state legalizes smoking marijuana for medical purposes, you can expect the next push to be for legalizing recreational marijuana. People of faith may accept the use of drugs for medicinal necessity but we do not understand why we need to flip to the other extreme and treat marijuana like it's a mild, over-the-counter medication. Even the American Medical



Association maintains its position that it [AMA] “shall encourage model legislation that would require placing the following warning on all cannabis products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration: “Marijuana has a high potential for abuse. It has no scientifically proven, currently accepted medical use for preventing or treating any disease process in the United States.” (Res 213, I-14) ^{iv}

4) Benefit of smoking marijuana for medical purposes still not proven

The fact remains that there is not enough scientific data to support marijuana’s medical benefits. According to the Whitehouse website, Whitehouse.gov^v, “To date...neither the FDA^{vi} nor the Institute of Medicine have found *smoked* marijuana to meet the modern standard for safe or effective medicine for any condition.” It’s highly unlikely that anyone will be able to prove the substance is entirely safe, because science shows that it is not. As with all drugs, there is always a long list of side effects, warnings, and disclaimers.

5) Hawai’i’s roads could become a testing ground for legal limits

Marijuana use affects driving. It is the most prevalent illegal drug detected in impaired drivers, fatally injured drivers and motor vehicle crash victims. It is not difficult to conclude that drivers who test positive for marijuana can cause serious automobile accidents. Five years after establishing a “medical” marijuana program, California saw an increase in fatal crashes. The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) completed a survey in 2012 that reported more drivers tested positive for drugs that can impair driving (14%) than did for alcohol (7.3%). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent at 7.4%.^{vii} According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, drivers testing positive for marijuana doubled between 2006-2010, following an influx of pot shops and significant increases in registered “medical” marijuana users.^{viii}

Hawaii needs to remain a safe place for families. We hope that you keep these things in mind and not rush into anything until all the problems reported around the country with respect to marijuana are worked out. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit our concerns.

ⁱ Senate Bill 862 passed in 2000, (VOTE IN THE HOUSE: 30 yes-and 20 no (Auwae, Cachola, Halford, Kanoho, Kawakami, Lee, Leong, Marumoto, McDermott, Menor, Meyer, Morihara, Moses, Nakasone, Pendleton, Rath, Stegmaier, Takai, Whalen, Yonamine); (VOTE IN THE SENATE) 15 yes-and 10 no (Buen, Chun, D. Ige, M. Ige, Inouye, Iwase, Kawamoto, Matsuura, Sakamoto, Tam) [Source:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2000/status/SB862_his_.htm

ⁱⁱ <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana> (02/05/15)

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.livescience.com/42853-marijuana-during-pregnancy-baby-brain.html> (02/05/15)

^{iv} AMA Policy: D-95.976 Cannabis - Expanded AMA Advocacy #4

^v <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/response/what-we-have-say-about-legalizing-marijuana> (02/05/15)

^{vi} “A growing number of states have passed voter referenda (or legislative actions) making smoked marijuana available for a variety of medical conditions upon a doctor’s recommendation. These measures are inconsistent with efforts to ensure that medications undergo the rigorous scientific scrutiny of the FDA approval process and are proven safe and effective under the standards of the FD&C Act. Accordingly, FDA, as the federal agency responsible for reviewing the safety and efficacy of drugs, DEA as the federal agency charged with enforcing the CSA, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, as the federal coordinator of drug control policy, do not support the use of smoked marijuana for medical purposes.” [Source: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/2006/ucm108643.htm>]

^{vii} http://unmaskingmarijuana.org/Public_Safety.html (February 6, 2015)

^{viii} <http://kdvr.com/2014/05/15/study-more-marijuana-positive-drivers-involved-in-fatal-car-accidents-in-colorado/>



The Public Policy Voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

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SUBMITTED: February 16, 2015

TO: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

FROM: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

RE: Reservations on SB 682; SB 1019; SB 1291 Relating to Medical Marijuana

If passed, these bills would allegedly “fix” the problem of medical marijuana distribution and the need for dispensaries and/or regulation. **We understand that medicinal marijuana is already legal in the State of Hawaii.; however, we maintain that promoting the use of marijuana (even for medical reasons) will translate for many, especially young people, as permissiveness, with little or no consideration of its ultimate effect on one’s body.** According to the American Medical Association, marijuana is considered a “dangerous drug” and a “powerful intoxicant” that harms one’s mental, physical, academic, and spiritual well-being, promotes irresponsible sexual behavior, encourages disrespect for traditional values, and threatens Hawaii’s youth. This is not what we want for Hawai’i’s keiki.

At the federal level, marijuana remains classified as a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act, where Schedule I substances are considered to have a high potential for dependency, making distribution of marijuana a federal offense.

Many prescribing physicians for medicinal use of marijuana are arbitrary as to what counts as an authentic medical need so there is no real way for this legislature to make a truly informed decision. Even the American Medical Association’s 527-member House of Delegates decided during its interim meeting in 2013 (National Harbor, Md.), to retain the long-standing position that “cannabis is a dangerous drug and as such is a public health concern.”

Long-term health effects of chronic use, and marijuana’s role as a gateway to the use of other illegal drugs, are serious issues surrounding its use and decriminalization. The Catholic Church cares too much about the family to support this endeavor. Priority legislation should include efforts that strengthen and promote the family, not provide tools to ultimately destroy it.

The Catechism offers useful guidance: “The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life” (no. 2291). In 2001, the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry issued a pastoral handbook entitled “Church, Drugs, and Drug Addiction.” It extols the virtue of temperance which “disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine” (no. 2290).

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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Ann Turner	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members, I support SB1019 providing for people who are in hospitals to take their medical marijuana. Mahalo, Angela Huntemer, North Shore O'ahu.

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Hawaii's Voice for Sensible, Compassionate, and Just Drug Policy

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
FROM: PAMELA LICHTY, M.P.H., PRESIDENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015, 1:30 p.m., ROOM 414

RE: S.B. 1019 RELATING TO MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA – **IN SUPPORT**

Good afternoon, Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee. My name is Pam Lichty and I'm President of the Drug Policy Action Group (DPAG), the government affairs arm of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii.

We strongly support SB 1019 which would require in-patient facilities to provide a room for registered medical cannabis patients to use their medicine.

There is one technical problem with the bill in our view. It uses the term "prescribe" whereas under current state law a physician can only "certify" or authorize a qualifying patient to use medical marijuana. This is because the FDA, a federal agency, has not approved cannabis, in its whole form, as a medicine.

The bill does seem overly specific, however, in requiring a hospital for provide a "room" for the patients to use their medicine. I know of many instances, for example, during the 15 years of Hawaii's medical marijuana program, where oncology or other nurses inform the patients that there is a balcony at the end of the hall where they could "get some fresh air." It would be a huge improvement if hospitals could openly recognize that these patients' need for their medicine is legitimate, rather than forcing them to sneak around or to giving them veiled suggestions.

Without saying so directly, this bill implies that the patients would be smoking or vaporizing their medicine. If Hawaii had a dispensary program in place, there would b a legitimate source for products that can be ingested, used in oil form, etc. But, alas, until that time, the less healthy alternative of smoking remains the primary option for most patients, and we believe that hospitals should facilitate the use of whatever form of medical cannabis is available for patients who find it beneficial.

We urge this committee to move out S.B. 1019. Mahalo for hearing this compassionate measure today and for giving us the opportunity to testify.

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Sally Waitt	Individual	Support	No

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Georgina Mckinley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1019. This would be useful for many patients. It is not reasonable that many patients have to go without their medicine when they are in the hospital, because there is no designated place for them to use it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leah M. Koonce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am adding my testimony on this bill because I have conditions that will require more surgeries, specifically spinal surgeries, and taking the currently standard opiates and benzodiazepines after surgery causes adverse effects to the point where I end up undermedicated for the amount of pain I deal with. Having the option of using medical marijuana during a hospital stay would be such a relief, knowing my pain will be handled without the negative side effects I get from currently available pharmaceuticals. Please support this compassionate bill. Thank You. Leah M. Koonce (808)561-9521 85-638 Farrington hwy Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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CAROL BAIN	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair RE: – SB1019 – Relating to the Medical Use of Marijuana Hearing: DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 TIME: 1:30PM PLACE: Conference Room 414 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Position: Strong Support Aloha Senators Josh Green and Glenn Wakai Position: Support SB1019 It is not reasonable that currently, many patients have to go without their medicine when they are in the hospital, because there is no designated place for them to use it. This bill requires that hospitals designate a specific room where a qualifying patient may use marijuana. This would be hugely useful for many patients, and underscores the importance of cannabis as a medical necessity. I support SB 1019. Please have compassion for medical marijuana patients.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Alohilani Hue Sing	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1019! This bill requires that hospitals designate a specific room on where a qualifying patient may use marijuana. This would be hugely useful for many patients, and underscores the importance of cannabis as a medical necessity. It is not reasonable that currently, many patients have to go without their medicine when they are in the hospital, because there is no designated place for them to use it. Please pass this bill!

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Wailua Brandman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a patient's access to medication while hospitalized. It is my understanding, however, that cannabis is not prescribed by a physician, rather the physician certifies that the patient has a condition that meets eligibility criterion set out by the state for treatment with cannabis. Therefore, it seems that the language in this bill needs to accurately reflect the current statutes. Now some patients see APRN primary care providers, who are not included in this bill's language. APRNs are also capable of certifying the diagnosis of their patient to the state, and it follows that they should be named as well as providers. Mahalo for your attention and for all you do for Hawaii's people. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP Ke`ena Mauiola Nele Paia LLC

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Edward Coll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill requires that hospitals designate a specific room on where a qualifying patient may use marijuana. This would be hugely useful for many patients and underscores the importance of cannabis as a medical necessity. It is not reasonable that currently, many patients have to go without their medicine when they are in the hospital because there is no designated place for them to use it.

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Daniel Susott, MD, MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. The criminalization of cannabis has cost many lives and enforcement is much more costly and dangerous than the plant itself. Cannabis has been with people for thousands of years, since the dawn of agriculture, and NO deaths have been attributed to it. Hawaii suffers under more layers of organized crime than many places and it is time to remove criminal penalties for cannabis. If you're on the wrong side of this if due, you are either uninformed, which is scary in government, or you're a crook, which is scarier.

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james trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha members of the committee, please accept this testimony in support of sb1019. patients should be allowed access to their treatment of choice. sb 1019 will allow patients access to medicinal perscription in a safe & secure environment. please vote in favor of sb 1019. mahalo for your consideration on this matter. with respect and aloha, james g trujillo kapa'a, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

From: Wendy Gibson R.N.

RE: SB1019 hearing Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:30PM

Conference Room **414** State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Support – SB1019 – Relating to the the Medical Use of Marijuana

Dear Senate Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the committee,

As a health care professional for nearly 30 years, I have always strived to deliver patient-centered care in many settings. When the setting for patient care changes, such as when a patient is admitted to the hospital, health care professionals strive to maintain a continuity of care.

I don't want to see a break in a medical marijuana patient's ability to use current medications if they are admitted. Medical marijuana patients who are admitted to the hospital currently have no established place to use their medicine and may have to forego using it—creating a gap in continuity of care cycle.

I support Bill SB1019 because it addresses this problem, providing a solution for fixing this gap in patient access to their medicine.

Thank you for hearing my testimony and your consideration of this issue,

Wendy Gibson R.N.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Rafael Kennedy	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Yes

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Mike Ruggles	Alternative Pain Management Pu`uhonua LLC	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1019. Requiring hospitals to designate a room for the the medical use of marijuana by inpatients is a good step towards legitimizing Hawai`i's medical use of marijuana program. It would be nice to see this requirement expanded upon to include the hospital's long term care facilities as well.

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Brent Neal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1019. Requiring hospitals to designate a room for the the medical use of marijuana by inpatients is a good step towards legitimizing Hawai`i's medical use of marijuana program. It would be nice to see this requirement expanded upon to include the hospital's long term care facilities as well.

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Brittany Neal	Individual	Support	No

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Larry Caldwell	Individual	Support	No

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Rev. Nancy Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I strongly support SB1019. Patients must have access to their medicine in the hospital. Those medical cannabis patients who are hospitalized will certainly still require the medicine they have been taking at least as much as they would need it before hospitalization. Thank you for taking this testimony.

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Hawaii Cannabis Care	Hawaii Cannabis Care	Support	Yes

Comments: We support!! Patients need to be able medicate wherever they may be.

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