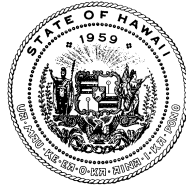


SB2523

Measure Title:	RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
Report Title:	Medical Marijuana; Dispensary Operations
Description:	Allows medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare.
Companion:	HB1808
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	RUDERMAN, ESPERO, L. THIELEN



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2523
RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTIONS, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the department.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENTS on this bill.

3 The department prefers the definition of an enclosed indoor facility as stated in HB2707.

4 The department does not oppose greenhouses or other proposed open air facilities.

5 However, this bill should define certain terms and ideas so as to provide the clarification
6 necessary to enable the department to draft rules that effectuate the legislature's intent. Without
7 the necessary clarification, the department recommends that this bill be deferred until the
8 dispensaries are operational and their operations and impact can be assessed.

9 Should the legislature proceed to enact the measure, the department requests that clear
10 definitions be provided in the bill. The proposed language does not include definitions of the
11 terms "greenhouse", "shade house", or a "fenced-in open-air growing operation", nor does it
12 define how the grow site should be secured. The legislature does not define the manner or type
13 of fence that would be required or deemed permissible. The legislature should provide specific
14 requirements such as height, thickness, construction materials permissible, and whether the
15 fencing can be topped with barbed wire, or other materials or products to discourage theft,
16 encourage product security and safety and control visibility. The definitions and description

1 would provide a clear framework for what constitutes an acceptable production center. It would
2 also provide clear and unambiguous direction to the department so that DOH may effectuate the
3 legislature's intent when drafting related administrative rules.

4 The statutory definitions would also provide an opportunity to address the safety, security
5 and construction concerns that an outdoor facility presents. The definitions should ensure that
6 the statute includes certain minimum standards those facilities would require. Outdoor facilities
7 present security issues for the licensees, patients and the public that enclosed facilities address.
8 Given the nature of the crop being grown, it is reasonable to expect that an outdoor facility such
9 as a greenhouse, shade house, and open-air grow site will be significantly more vulnerable to
10 theft and diversion of product than an enclosed and locked facility as currently provided for
11 under the statute. While the licensees may have a less expensive growing facility or location, the
12 increased cost of security as well as the costs and the impact on patient access to the product,
13 public safety and the taxpayers must be considered and balanced accordingly. Theft and/or
14 destruction of marijuana or manufactured products will decrease the availability of products to
15 patients and increase costs, i.e., when supply is low and demand is high, higher prices are usually
16 the result. Investigation and prosecution of criminals who take advantage of the accessibility of
17 an outdoor facility will place additional demands law enforcement, judicial and prison personnel
18 and other resources, further burdening taxpayers.

19 The timing of this bill creates an unfair business climate by changing the criteria for a
20 license before the award of the first dispensary licenses. Applicants submitted proposals that
21 contemplate secure growing facilities and the costs associated with them. It can be assumed that
22 if applicants could avail themselves of the types of structures contemplated in this bill, several if

1 not all of the proposed financing, construction and business plans for production centers would
2 be significantly different. Further, persons without the financial resources to afford a more
3 optimal or secure grow facility might have submitted license applications.

4 There are sufficient and justifiable reasons to ask for this bill to be deferred until
5 dispensaries are operational so as to evaluate their success, including the security measures
6 provided for under the current law. Fundamental fairness demand that the legislature not punish
7 those who have submitted their application in reliance upon the law as written. A measure of
8 predictability is a foundational requirement that will enable the licensees and the department to
9 achieve success in establishing the Medical Marijuana Licensed Dispensary Program in Hawaii.
10 However, should the legislature proceed on this bill, the department requests that the legislature
11 provide clear definitions and guidance in the type of structures it deems appropriate.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2523
RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA

By

Nolan P. Espinda, Director

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 18, 2016; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

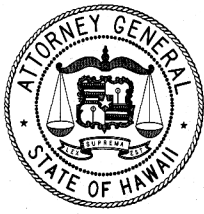
Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **opposes** Senate Bill (SB) 2523 which would allow the cultivation of medical marijuana in greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations.

As you are aware, changes to the regulations of the Medical Marijuana program have recently been implemented following the rule making process necessitated by the 2014 amendments to the Medical Marijuana law. PSD respectfully suggests that this legislative Committee give the program some time to work before considering additional changes.

Under current statute, the Department's Narcotics Enforcement Division is charged with inspecting growing operations to ensure compliance for adequate security, accurate record-keeping, and appropriate employee authorization. PSD is concerned that open air cultivation would significantly raise the level of difficulty for growers to gain compliance with security. We are also concerned that patient health and welfare may be compromised by product grown in an open air environment that would be more readily accessible to pests and vulnerable to theft.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2523, RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
Tara K.C.S. Molnar, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides comments on this bill.

This bill would amend section 329D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow medical marijuana dispensary production centers to include greenhouses, shade houses, or fenced-in open-air growing operations, provided that they shall be secured at all times and "shall not be visible from any street or road used by the public nor visible to adjoining landowners" (page 1, lines 9-13).

The proposed wording on page 1, lines 9 through 13, raises some concerns. The terms "greenhouses," "shade houses" and "fenced-in open-air growing operations" are vague. This ambiguity could be resolved by defining these terms.

Likewise, the wording "shall not be visible" (page 1, line 12) is unclear regarding whether the structure itself shall not be visible or whether the phrase refers to the contents within. This ambiguity could also be resolved by clarifying the phrase "shall not be visible."

The Department of the Attorney General respectfully recommends that if the Committee moves this measure forward, it amend the bill as suggested.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Chair: Sen. Rosalyn Baker

Vice Chair: Sen. Michelle Kidani

Thursday, February 18, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Room 229

STRONG SUPPORT for SB 2523 - GREENHOUSES FOR CANNABIS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,600 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that more than 1,600, and soon to be rising number of Hawai'i individuals who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

SB 2523 allows medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure. We attended the Task Force meetings and were part of the safety and security group that made recommendations to the task force and greenhouses, shade houses and open air growing was discussed within our group that included police and prosecutors. The consensus of the group was that this would be allowed provided that it could not be viewed from roads and neighborhoods and would have security cameras.

We toured a medical marijuana collective farm in California and were impressed with their high-tech and science-driven approach to growing cannabis. This farm had a tall perimeter fence that was covered with black-out material. The plants were all grown in greenhouses and separated by strain. From the road approaching the farm, one would not know what it was.

We urge the committee to adopt this measure for many different reasons:

- Patients need to know that their medicine is pure and devoid of pesticides and other contaminants: greenhouses provide more environmental controls
- The safety and security of cannabis farms has been discussed and vetted by the Task Force: black-out fences and cameras were recommended
- We have proof from other jurisdictions that this method has been successful for patients and law enforcement

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



Dedicated to safe, responsible, humane and effective drug policies since 1993

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
FROM: Carl Bergquist, Executive Director
HEARING DATE: 18 February 2016, 9:30AM
RE: SB2523, Relating to Medical Marijuana, **STRONG SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani & Members of the Committee:

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i (DPFHI) **strongly supports** this measure to harness our natural resources in order to help the patients of Hawai'i who use medical marijuana. Using natural light would lead to cost savings for the producers, and these should, in turn, be passed on to the patients in the form of more affordable medicine. This bill is true to the spirit of Act 241, and it is in line with the national trends to embrace renewable energy and lower the price of medicine.

Act 241 set stringent conditions for security surrounding medical marijuana retail dispensaries and their affiliated production centers. We welcomed this, but never imagined that the Department of Health would subsequently draft interim administrative rules that prohibit both green houses and shade houses. This clearly undermines the intent of the legislature when it passed Act 241.

Our energy costs here in Hawaii are the highest in the country and many investors who are now become applicants for a dispensary license, have express concern about this. The ban on green houses will increase their electricity costs exponentially. This may turn, in an entirely avoidable way, medical marijuana into another unaffordable medicine. The United States already has extremely high medicine prices compared to other developed countries, and there is no reason whatsoever to contribute to this unfortunate situation via an own goal like the DOH green house ban.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

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BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Conference Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Antoinette Lilley, President, or Christopher Garth, Executive Director

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance submits the following testimony in **SUPPORT (with reservations) of S.B. 2523 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**, which allows medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare.

Your Committees may recall that the comments of the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance were solicited on this matter at an Informational Briefing before the Joint Committees on Health, on December 28, 2016.¹ The Alliance provided comments that addressed the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DoH) Administrative Rules (§11-850-2) that specifically excluded the use of greenhouses and/or shade houses as acceptable growing facilities for future recipients of the Hawai'i's medical marijuana dispensary licenses, as prescribed by HRS§ 329-D.

The changes proposed by the language of S.B. 2523 would significantly reduce dispensary energy and construction costs, discourage the black market, and help the State meet its HB623 mandate to convert to 100% renewables by 2045.

First, and foundational to the other arguments, running a completely indoor facility for 3,000 plants as currently described by DoH's rules is prohibitively expensive due to Hawai'i having the highest electricity costs in the nation. The cost to run two facilities per license is even more. One frequent cost estimate that we received from dispensary applicants based on the current rule is that each 3,000 plant grow operation will cost a dispensary applicant approximately \$60,000 per month. This is just the cost of electricity for one "enclosed indoor facility" grow operation, and does not include the costs of running the rest of the grow operation or the dispensing and manufacturing operations. That \$60,000 per month per grow operation pays for approximately 13,000 barrels of oil per year. This single industry, with only 16 grow operations, will increase the State of Hawai'i's total energy consumption by 208,000 barrels of oil a

¹ Our testimony from that hearing is available at: <http://hawaiidispensaryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015.12.28-Alliance-Testimony.pdf>.

year, almost 2%. Needless to say, this expense is not sustainable for dispensaries, either fiscally or environmentally.

In order to stay solvent, this expense, which is not a deductible business expense for federal tax purposes, will be passed on to the patients, substantially raising the price of legitimate medical cannabis and incentivizing patients to seek relief from the black market. Dispensaries will hire fewer workers and pay them less, hurting the industry's potential to bring good new jobs to the islands.

Additionally, HRS§269-92 requires that Hawai'i achieve 100% renewable energy sustainability by 2045. Adding whole percentage points of capacity requirements to Hawai'i's electric grids is not only fiscally and environmentally unsustainable, but will strain HECO's current network and significantly increase the cost of the State's conversion to renewables by 2045. Hawai'i has an abundance of sun and mild weather, it would be a shame to see grow operations in Hawai'i confined to warehouses instead of the increasingly industry standard hybrid greenhouse.

Our reservations rest on the introduction of language that incorporates open-air grow operations. The Alliance does not recognize this amendment to pose a concern for public safety or criminal diversion of the implied product. Our concern is rooted in the industry's commitment to cultivate and provide the highest quality, contaminant free, product. Our testimony supporting substantive amendments to language and numerical values in H.B. 2709 regarding pesticide levels would have to be revisited. The industry standards cited in other Alliance testimony pertain only to indoor and hybrid greenhouse environments. The Alliance suggests that separate testing standards may need to be considered for open-air growing operations.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance **SUPPORTS (with reservations)** the amendments to HRS § 329-D-6 (f) and recommends that **S.B. 2523**, which will allow medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare, be moved forward for further discussion.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, If we're going to make medical marijuana available, let's make it AVAILABLE. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denim Cretton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support sunlight cultivation and agree that it should be secure and nonvisible from anyone outside the facility. If sunlight cultivation doesn't occur, indoor growing will become commonplace and the State will not be able to meet Green Energy Goals of 2045.

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Dennis Gage	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Marijuana grown indoors lacks its true potential. The idea of limiting marijuana grows to indoor is catering to big business namely MECO. Let the sun do its job for free.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eloise Engman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is much needed on Maui. With the imminent closing of HC&S, Maui needs new options for agriculture of many kinds. Medical marijuana is an important crop which helps many people with many different ailments. It's important to provide a source of this important medicine, as patients are not always well enough to grow it for themselves. This bill will help Hawaii to diversify agriculturally.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francine Pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, members of the Hawaii State Senate. I have many family members, friends and neighbors who depend on medical marijuana to ease the incidence of epilepsy and the pain of cancer, arthritis and fibromyalgia. They each live on Ag zoned property and need to be able to grow their own medication instead of being forced to buy it from a commercial grower. By growing their own medication they will take the burden of high costs off them and they can be sure it is grown organically if that is what they need. It is important to pass this Bill because when the rule making was left to the DOH they did not take these things into account. Thank you very much for your kind attention to my testimony in favor of SB2523.

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Geoffrey Lasr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is about time this is a good measure still far to go

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Georgina Mckinley	Individual	Support	No

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Kaimaile Makekau	Alii AI MOKU o ka MO'O MUKU HUI, KINGDOM OF HAWAII, HEIR OF ABNER PAKI	Support	No

Comments: THE FACT THAT MARIJUANA NOT ONLY PUTS OXYGEN BACK INTO THE SOIL, IT CREATES A CARBON THAT PURIFIES THE SOIL OF THE PESTICIDES THAT HCNS AND MAUI LAND AND PINE HAS POISONED OUR LAND WITH FOR YEARS.. AND... ITS PROVEN TO FILTER OUT THE TOXIFIED CONTAMINANTS OF FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR RADIATION IN OUR SEAS.. I'VE USED MARIJUANA FOR HEAD ACHES, MENSTRAL CRAMPS, SO MANY HEALING PROPERTIES, AND IT HEALS AND PREVENTS CANCER.... PLEASE ALLOW US TO HEAL THE LAND THE OCEAN AND OUR BODIES WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL HERB GIVEN TO US BY GOD....

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Kalawai'a Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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Lee Eisenstein	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I also support the basic human right of individual growers producing their own cannabis, for themselves and other card holders, rather than forcing people to buy from your pals, in the few dispensaries you would so graciously allow us. Yes, greenhouses, open air gardens, of course. Regarding them not being visible from thoroughfares. Please also include making it a "crime" for plants and gardens to be visible from planes and satellites. I'm assuming this is just an oversight on your part. Growing a plant such as cannabis should not be a crime, in and of itself, ever.

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leilea satori	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Senators, I SUPPORT SB2523 because it is commonsense to use the power of the sun, and save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in production costs for a medicine. This production cost would be passed on to seriously ill patients, who often have compromised income, due to their illness. Mahalo for your kind consideration and SUPPORT of this important bill, Mary Overbay Puunene, HI

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Common sense, please pass

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Robert Petricci	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a MMJ patient I strongly support this. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Wildberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Thank you senators Espero, Ruderman & Thielen for introducing this bill. As Hawaii moves too slowly toward common sense decriminalization of marijuana, this measure is important component and small step to help people who are benefiting from marijuana's medicinal benefits. Please resist the different restrictions being proposed and allow this natural, God-given plant be grown under the natural sun. It is duplicitous to create hurdles for access that only permit people with a ton of money to manufacture/distribute their therapeutic medicine. I support this bill. Mahalo.

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