

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

958

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1488
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1488, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate the full implementation of the medical marijuana dispensary system by:

- (1) Establishing an Office of Medical Marijuana Administration in the Department of Health (Department) to provide comprehensive management of the dispensary system and patient registration;
- (2) Amending certain dates and deadlines in existing law to account for delays in fully implementing the dispensary system;
- (3) Establishing new deadlines for the Department to implement its computer tracking system and laboratory testing program;
- (4) Providing for an alternate tracking system in case of a shutdown of the Department's primary system;



- (5) Amending standards for the award of new dispensary licenses, retention of dispensary security videos, and laboratory testing; and
- (6) Authorizing qualifying patients and primary caregivers to directly obtain medical marijuana testing services from certified laboratories on the same island.

Cure Oahu supported this measure. An individual opposed this measure. The Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Educational Association for Licensed Therapeutic Healthcare, The Drug Policy Forum, Mānoa Botanicals, and Patients Without Time provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1488, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



