

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1263

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 786  
S.D. 1  
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 786,  
S.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 replace all references to  
"medical marijuana" or similar terms in state statutes and  
administrative rules and Department of Health documents,  
letterhead, websites, and other items with references to "medical  
cannabis" and similar terms.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, Hawaii Association of  
Professional Nurses, and several individuals. The Department of  
Health and Department of Taxation submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Health shall conform  
the terminology used in Hawaii Administrative Rules  
related to medical use of marijuana and medical  
marijuana dispensaries to meet the requirements of this  
measure when the Department amends those rules;

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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2070, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment to correctly identify all instances where terminology shall be amended in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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. 786, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 786, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



