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H.B. NO. 1360
RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS

House Committee on Health

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 1360 relating to manufactured marijuana products. Among other things, the bill expands the range of manufactured medical marijuana products that may be produced and sold to include certain edible products; and establishes requirements for manufacturing, handling and packaging manufactured marijuana products.

Marijuana-impaired driving is already a problem in Hawaii, with 18 percent of fatal crashes from 2013 through 2015 involving tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

We believe that legalizing edible cannabis products will contribute to an increase in marijuana-impaired driving incidents. Edible marijuana is very different from “joints” and other marijuana products; its potency is often at least several times greater than that of an average joint, according to Smart Approaches to Marijuana’s October 2016 report, “Lessons Learned After 4 Years of Marijuana Legalization.” And when consumed in edibles compared to smoking, THC sometimes takes 30 minutes to several hours to take effect. Because of this delay, people are more likely to eat more than the recommended serving since they don’t immediately feel the effects. These same people may get behind the wheel of a car and be driving when the full effects are felt.

According to a November 2015 report from the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse entitled “Cannabis Regulation: Lessons Learned in Colorado and Washington State,” stakeholders in Colorado and Washington recommended that any jurisdiction considering policy change, including commercialization and legalization of marijuana, should “develop a clear, comprehensive communication strategy to convey details of the regulations prior to implementation, so that the public and other stakeholders understand what is permitted, as well as the risks and harms associated with use, so that individuals can make informed choices.” Stakeholders in both states agreed that “moving gradually and decreasing the restrictiveness of regulations is easier than increasing them, so they recommended beginning with a more restrictive framework

and easing restrictions as evidence indicates. Colorado's experience with edible cannabis products illustrates the importance of this theme."

Medical marijuana dispensaries have not opened in Hawaii yet, so we have not seen the impacts retail sales may have on impaired driving and public safety in our state. To legalize edibles at this point would be premature and perhaps regrettable.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawai`i**

February 16, 2017

RE: H.B. 1360; RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.

Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City & County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in opposition to H.B. 1360.

If passed, H.B. 1360 would allow the commercial manufacturing and distribution of “edible manufactured marijuana products,” expressly including brownies, cakes, cookies and ice cream.

While the Department understands that individuals with certain debilitating conditions rely on medical marijuana for some modicum of respite at this stage in their life, Hawaii is currently pending the opening of its very first medical marijuana dispensaries, and the the public, social and economic risks associated with establishing a medical marijuana dispensary system in Hawaii are yet unknown. When Colorado began permitting medical marijuana dispensaries in 2010, the annual number of hospitalizations and Emergency Room visits for possible marijuana exposure, for children under 9 years old, increased 5-fold in years 2010-2013, as compared to the nine years prior.ⁱ In the same time period, the average number of calls to the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center for marijuana exposure nearly doubled.ⁱⁱ Issues and concerns shared by law enforcement in California, Colorado, and other states have also indicated many problems that came with the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries.

Given the problems seen in Colorado and other states, the Department continues to oppose all propositions for “edible marijuana products” of any kind, as flavoring agents and other additives that would potentially appeal to youth should be strictly prohibited. The current definition of “manufactured marijuana product” already includes oils and tinctures, which medical marijuana patients may then add to teas or other consumables, if desired. The Department is not aware of any pharmaceutical medications that are available as brownies, cakes, cookies, ice cream or other such tantalizing form, nor does it believe that marijuana should be the first, if the goal is to maintain the integrity and legitimacy of medical marijuana as true medication.

As always, the Department’s primary concern is for public safety and welfare. Rather than rushing forward with any expansionary changes to our medical marijuana laws, the Department strongly recommends that the Legislature wait to see what impact a dispensary system will have on our current medical marijuana system, on medical marijuana patients and on the larger community. Given the benefit of perspective, Hawaii must learn from the hard-learned lessons of other states, and approach the prospect of having medical marijuana dispensaries in our communities with utmost restraint, thorough consideration, and comprehensive standards, controls and mechanisms to regulate the flow of marijuana through these businesses and into the public.

Utmost precautions must be taken to prevent and discourage youth from being exposed to these types of products, especially if they are not medical marijuana patients. The current definition of manufactured marijuana products is broad enough to cover a wide range of ingestible forms, suitable for medical purposes, and the risks associated with distributing this highly controlled substance in the form of brownies, cakes, cookies, ice cream or other such appealing treats are too great. What patients choose to do with their medications—in terms of medical marijuana or any other medication—once purchased, is their own decision (to the extent permitted by law).

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu opposes H.B. 1360. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

ⁱ Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, *Monitoring Health Concerns Related to Marijuana in Colorado: 2014: Changes in Marijuana Use Patterns, Systematic Literature Review, and Possible Marijuana-Related Health Effects*, Jan. 30, 2015, at 170, available at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/DC_MJ-Monitoring-Health-Concerns-Related-to-Marijuana-in-CO-2014.pdf.

ⁱⁱ *Id.*, at 162.

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February 16, 2017

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Belatti and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1360, Relating to Manufactured Marijuana Products

I am Captain Aaron Farias of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD opposes House Bill No. 1360, Relating to Manufactured Marijuana Products.


This bill, in part, seeks to expand the range of manufactured medical marijuana products that include baked goods and dairy products, which may be produced and sold.

The HPD is concerned that despite controls in place, there will still be unintended marijuana exposures, especially to children. These exposures can lead to significant health problems that would require hospitalization. According to the September 2016 Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area report, *The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado The Impact*, a study conducted by a group of Colorado doctors points out that "ingestion of edible products continues to be a major source of marijuana exposures in children and poses a unique problem because no other drug is infused into a palatable and appetizing form." It also states that, "dosing a drug in a 'serving size' less than typically recommended for an equivalent food product also can be a source of confusion."

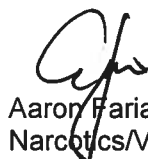
The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1360, Relating to Manufactured Marijuana Products.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


Gary Okimoto
Acting Chief of Police

Sincerely,


Aaron Farias, Captain
Narcotics/Vice Division

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Bergquist	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i applauds this bill's intent to include edibles as a permissible form of medical cannabis for sale at the upcoming medical cannabis dispensaries. This will help patients who need the slow release that such products can deliver and/or patients who cannot e.g. ingest or use their medicine in other ways. The safety measures built into this bill are more than adequate, when taken with the security built into the dispensary system itself, to address concerns related to diversion to our keiki. The one provision that appears excessive is the 20 years of experience requirement for bakers who wish to manufacture these goods. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

HB1360, RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS

BEFORE THE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Conference Room 329

TESTIFIER: Christopher Garth, Executive Director

Honorable Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance submits the following testimony in **SUPPORT (with comments) of HB1360 RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS**, which expands the range of manufactured medical marijuana products that may be produced and sold to include certain edible products. Authorizes eight companies to partner with medical marijuana dispensaries to produce manufactured marijuana products, subject to certain conditions. Establishes requirements for manufacturing, handling, and packaging manufactured marijuana products.

The Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance is a patient centric organization that aims to appropriately introduce a legitimate cannabis industry to the state of Hawai'i. Our membership is drawn from patients and caregivers, ancillary businesses related to and involved in the physical and intellectual cannabis space, and those who generally support the value of a legal right to cannabis-based medicine. The Alliance has established itself as a consistent voice in the conversation for greater patient access to safe and quality cannabis resources; it is from this perspective that we provide comments and testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB1360**.

Section 1. Adding a definition of “Edible manufactured marijuana product” and amending the definition of “Manufactured marijuana product.”

The Alliance stands in full support of these amendments. It is our belief that these amendments will improve patient access to cannabis-based medicine, in much the same way that the “legitimate” pharmacological and/or alternative wellness industries have incorporated different flavors and mediums through which patients may imbibe their products. The changes proposed in this section are necessary and practical considerations that will greatly benefit Hawai'i's growing patient base.

Comments: The Alliance would suggest that beverages and pre-packaged beverage solutions (i.e., teas, and coffee) be added to the list of acceptable “Edible manufactured marijuana products.”

Section 2. §329-D Manufacturing of medical marijuana products

We find that the general standard that is applied to commercial food manufacturing is an appropriate step to ensure the safety of these products; however we fear that the attempt to limit the number of approved manufacturers to 8 may not provide the greatest access or market value to both the patients and current or future dispensary licensees.

Comments: Remove the restrictive factor of 8 approved manufacturers. There is a very high likelihood that one or several of the licensed manufacturers may not be able to come to an agreement with

a licensed dispensary operator. This could be due to the quality of the product, a lack of knowledge concerning the product, general business acumen, or a host of other concerns. It is also not clear that one of the eight licensed manufacturers will be able to obtain the rights to produce all of the wide variety of products available, significantly limiting the product options available to patients at any particular dispensary. Further, is this section to imply that the eight manufacturers will be granted the opportunity to work with each dispensary, or is the language meant to imply that the relationship be established via a 1:1 ratio; wherein, a single licensee may only work with a single dispensary? It would be in the best interest of the patient and the development of Hawai'i's cannabis industry that a fair market approach be applied to the granting of licenses for manufactured marijuana products and that manufactured product licensees be allowed to work with more than one dispensary and vice-a-versa to provide the greatest range of quality products to patients.

A final thought on this section is that the component which requires a manufacturer to “have demonstrated not less than twenty years manufacturing baked goods or confectionary products” be reduced to **3** years. This consideration is made for the simple fact that a majority of the legitimate players in the manufactured marijuana products arena have not been established for 20 years seeing that the regulated industry is less than a decade old.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance **SUPPORTS (with comments)** the language of this measure and recommends that **HB1360, RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS**, which expands the range of manufactured medical marijuana products that may be produced and sold to include certain edible products. Authorizes eight companies to partner with medical marijuana dispensaries to produce manufactured marijuana products, subject to certain conditions. Establishes requirements for manufacturing, handling, and packaging manufactured marijuana products

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

Lau Ola, LLC.

PO Box 107 • Pepe'ekeo, HI 96783

February 15, 2017

TO: House Committee on Health
FROM: Richard Ha
RE: HB 1360

Strongly Oppose

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the House Committee on Health,

Thank you for accepting my testimony on HB 1360. My name is Richard Ha and I am the CEO of Lau Ola, one of the 8 licensees awarded a license to grow and sell medical marijuana.

HB 1360 makes an amendment to 329D-1 HRS. The suggested amendment to the present statues creates several issues that make it unacceptable in its present form. As the CEO of Lau Ola, my first concern is the safety of the public and these changes may jeopardize the safety of our vertical model that the legislature worked so hard to adopt.

First, I would like to address purity and adulteration issues. Lau Ola is putting together a first class growing and manufacturing facility that monitors and ensures purity from the seed to the patient. In this vertical system, Lau Ola can test and label its' products based on the product never leaving its' control until it is in the hands of the patients. This system makes it mandatory that raw materials would be taken out of the control of Lau Ola and placed in the hands of a 3rd party, then returned to Lau Ola to sell to its' patients. In order to ensure purity and efficacy of the product, Lau Ola would need to retest to insure content. The opportunity for adulteration and mislabeling is increased since the raw materials is taken from the hands of the licensee, then returned after being altered.

Secondly is security. The raw material will be traveling to the bakery, then to either Lau Ola's facility or a Lau Ola dispensary. In that case, we would insist on testing to ensure the labeling is correct. The amendment does not address security or transport and this will increase the cost of the product to the consumer, not to mention the opportunity for diversion. Lau Ola looks at the product in the same fashion as a medication that is made by a pharmaceutical company. Transporting raw materials to a 3rd party so that it could be made into edibles should require the same scrutiny that was put into our original application when we asked to be a licensee. Lau Ola is dedicated to the security of the

product and believes this change does not address what a bakery would need to do to receive a license. Presently our plan is to have complete control from seed to patient.

Lau Ola is a world-class facility that is being designed to manufacture everything we plan to offer to our patients. Lau Ola will manufacture many products that are more complex than baked goods and will have the expertise to manufacture any baked goods and at the same time have a measured potency. This can only be done if Lau Ola controls the product in the vertical method that the legislature has put in place.

Lau Ola is not opposed to the idea that other licensees may wish to have a bakery partner to make goods that are available to their patients, but we would want to preserve the integrity of the system Hawai'i has in place at this time.

Should HB 1360 move forward, Lau Ola would like to have this bill amended to allow licensees the opportunity to produce their own baked products in lieu of bakery partners. This would insure the integrity of the product and the vertical system that is presently in place.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "A" at the end.

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

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

FROM: PAMELA LICHTY, M.P.H., PRESIDENT

DATE: February 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Room 329

RE: H.B. 1360 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA – **IN SUPPORT**

Good morning, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, 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 Hawai'i.

We support this measure and are pleased to see the Committee considering the addition of edible medical cannabis products to those, which can be sold in the new dispensaries. I have seen firsthand how valuable edibles can be due to their slow onset, but long lasting effects - especially for pain. They have enabled two patients I know, for example, one a physician and one my niece, to sleep through the night since their pain is relieved for a long period. **To my knowledge, this effect cannot be duplicated by any other cannabis product.**

We do have some questions and concerns about other aspects of the bill. In Section 1. (2) other forms of manufactured products are struck out, while in Section 2, these same products are enumerated. I'm guessing this is a technical drafting issue?

Section 2 (2)(d) line 6 & ff it specifies that there be only 8 companies permitted to partner with the dispensaries and goes on to say that **they must have a "demonstrated history of not less than twenty years" of manufacturing baked goods or confectionary products.** This seems to us an extremely high threshold of experience given that elsewhere all the licenses and permits needed are delineated in great detail. If a company adheres to county or state health and manufacturing regulations, why they should they be required to have so many years of experience? After all, this is a very new manufacturing field.

Moreover, we thought that an obvious benefit of the medical cannabis program would be to generate new employment opportunities in ancillary services. By restricting the number of companies to just 8, this bill does not permit that.

In Section 3, where “baked goods” are defined, maybe I’m being too literal, but there are also edible products which are not baked, but instead just mixed together and formed into suitable sizes (e.g. mixtures of peanut butter, honey, ground dates and the like which can be eaten raw.) I also do not understand the exclusion of refrigerated products since obviously any commercial kitchen would contain a refrigerator unit.

In summary, we are extremely pleased to see this bill on the agenda and applaud its timeliness as the dispensaries gear up for their opening. Thank you for introducing this measure and for hearing it today. And mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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HAWAII EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR LICENSED THERAPEUTIC HEALTHCARE

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair Health Committee
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair Health Committee
Members of the House Health Committee

Fr: Blake Oshiro, Esq. on behalf of the HEALTH Assn.

Re: Testimony **House Bill (HB) 1360 – Oppose w/ Suggested Amendments**
RELATING TO MANUFACTURED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS
Expands the range of manufactured medical marijuana products that may be produced and sold to include certain edible products. Authorizes eight companies to partner with medical marijuana dispensaries to produce manufactured marijuana products, subject to certain conditions. Establishes requirements for manufacturing, handling, and packaging manufactured marijuana products.

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, Members of the Committee:

HEALTH is a recently formed trade association made up of the eight (8) licensed medical marijuana dispensaries under Haw. Rev. Stat. (HRS) Chapter 329D. HEALTH's members are all committed to ensuring the goals of patient safety, product safety and public safety.

HEALTH respectfully **opposes** HB1360 in its current form since it would only allow edible products under certain conditions that do not promote product and patient safety. The most problematic and concerning language is the requirement that the manufacturer “[h]ave a demonstrated history of not less than twenty years manufacturing baked goods or confectionary products.” Page 3, lines 12-14. A manufacturer with baking experience does not mean that they have the proper experience to make medical marijuana products which should have a specific metered dose.

HEALTH does not have any specific position supporting the inclusion of edibles as a permitted marijuana product. However, if the legislature is open to such an approach, it is our position that the medical marijuana licensees should be allowed to produce their own edibles or select a partner based on free market forces as long as they follow the laws and regulations that govern food manufacturing and medical marijuana dispensaries. It is our understanding that most of the experienced manufacturers of medical marijuana edible products in other jurisdictions have only approximately 8 years of experience. Therefore, we request that if the bill is to move forward, that this language be stricken from the bill.

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TO: HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
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Aloha Legislators,

LEGALIZE MARIJUANA NOW!

The marijuana prohibition is founded on prejudice and paranoia. The CDC reports that 90,000 Americans die from alcohol every year, while marijuana kills ZERO Americans. How can Hawaii justify celebrating the success of Hawaii's wineries and microbreweries, even allowing tourists to visit tasting rooms for alcohol products, while cannabis production centers are required to be concealed from the public view and kept under 24/7 video surveillance.

In 2000, Hawaii rejected the federal prohibition on marijuana by establishing medical marijuana laws. Since then, Hawaii has protected registered patients from prosecution (because marijuana is medicine), while sending other citizens to jail for "marijuana" crimes (because marijuana has no medical value). There exists a clear, facial contradiction between marijuana's classification as a schedule I drug and its allowable use by qualifying patients for medical conditions. Hawaii is practicing **SELECTIVE PROSECUTION** against marijuana consumers.

The only just solution is to legalize marijuana. Tax and regulate Hawaii's estimated billion-dollar-a-year recreational marijuana industry, and raise over 100 million dollars every year in revenue. Legalization of cannabis will also decrease expenses incurred in fighting the failed prohibition, clear court dockets, save families broken by incarceration, and create thousands of new legal jobs and business. **WIN- WIN -WIN**

Mahalo for your kind consideration,

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Maui, HI Brian Murphy, Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miles W. Tuttle	Kush Bottles Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sandra Webb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill as the edible form of Cannabis is a very efficient and effective way to medicate for chronic pain.

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Harvey Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Support	No

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I am in support of HB1360 to allow production and sale of edible medical marijuana products. Ingestion of edible marijuana is the healthiest and least intrusive form of marijuana ingestion. Many patients will not want or be able to ingest their prescribed medication in other forms. With proper labeling requirements all safety concerns may be adequately addressed. While I support this bill, I question the limits placed on the number of authorized companies (8) that will partner with the dispensaries as well as the requirement that they have 20 or more years experience of manufacturing baked goods or confectionery products. I urge the increase of the former number and lower the latter. This will increase the chances of patients across our islands of receiving quality edibles. Thank you,

Jordan Moniuszko

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Alan Yoshimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1360. It provides a safe alternative intake of medical cannabinoids for patients, especially those with respiratory conditions.

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I keep hearing of the incredible properties of non psychoactive cannabis, but of course the pharmaceutical industry doesn't want us to have it.

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Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	No

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Georgina Mckinley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The healing properties of cannabis have been documented for thousands of years. The plant can be utilized for a wide variety of health and wellness issues. Our bodies can absorb its active ingredients through four systems: oral mucosal, inhalation, ingestion, and transdermal. Patients can inhale smoke, vaporize non-combusted plant matter, ingest tinctures, syrups, and oils orally or through a gastric tube, swallow capsules, dissolve lozenges, place drops or tablets sublingually, apply creams, ointments, and patches to the skin, and even deliver the medication through suppositories. Each of these routes of medication administration have differences, in terms of absorption rate and metabolism. For patients using cannabis as medicine, different delivery methods ensure a totality of treatment efficacy. Cannabis can, of course, also be used safely and effectively when it is cooked into food or beverage products. For this reason, I am in support of HB1360 ~ which seeks to expand the range of cannabis products that may be produced and sold at dispensaries to include certain edible products. It seems quite unfair, and I don't think it makes sense at all, that one would need to have a demonstrated history of not less than twenty years manufacturing baked goods or confectionary products, in order to qualify to become one of the manufacturers allowed to participate, though. I also don't understand why only eight companies can be authorized to partner with medical marijuana dispensaries, to produce the manufactured products. That limit seems quite arbitrary and unnecessary.

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Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Lawmakers, I SUPPORT HB1360, with an amendment added to also legalize marijuana. I urge the Hawaii Legislature to resolve the long-standing conflicts in the marijuana laws by LEGALIZING marijuana. The Hawaii government sells licenses to commercial "medical" marijuana dispensaries, while also listing marijuana as a Schedule One substance, without medical value. Good citizens are arrested, and clog our courts and jails. The current laws are SELECTIVE PROSECUTION, and I plead for equal justice for all. Sixteen years ago, Hawaii rejected the Federal government's (corporate sponsored "reefer madness" inspired) marijuana prohibition when forward-thinking Hawaii lawmakers passed vanguard legislation, which recognized the medical value of marijuana. Hawaii's compassionate "aloha-spirited" lawmakers took the lead in the nation, to be the first legislators in America, to pass medical marijuana by legislative action. I challenge the current legislators to take inspiration from your predecessors and again pass vanguard legislation to create a uniquely Hawaiian adult use Cannabis industry. Marijuana is far less harmful than alcohol, so legalize it and create thousands of new legal jobs and businesses. Hawaiian marijuana branding is already established worldwide, tourist would flock to Hawaii, in anticipation of enjoy eating a Maui Wowie brownie at sunset on South Shore, or drinking a tall, cool, Cannabis cooler in Kula, or sipping a orchid decorated, Marijuana Mai Tai in Waikiki, etc... Legislators, I STRONGLY urge you to LEGALIZE marijuana this session, or as soon as possible.

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Mark Gordon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha ! Please Support HB1360. Some patients cannot ingest their medicine in other ways and may need the slower release of this form of medical cannabis. Approving the use of edibles will allow also the ability to use manufacturing companies outside the State. I suggest that the number of companies be increased over 8. This will allow more availability of the edibles, as well as not causing delays in patients who need edibles for their medication. 20 or more years experience of manufacturing baked goods or confectionery products seems a bit excessive. Suggest reducing the number of years and making sure that audits and quality control measures are done prior to approving companies. Mahalo for allowing me to share my comments and observations Respectfully, Mark Gordon Waikoloa, Hawaii.

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