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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 329,
2 part IX, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was originally enacted in 2000
3 to establish the medical cannabis program, and chapter 329D,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, was originally enacted in 2015 to
5 establish medical cannabis dispensaries. The legislature
6 further finds that as Hawaii expands its medical cannabis
7 program, it is important that research and development on
8 medical cannabis best practices continues, including the results
9 and outcomes of its use among qualifying patients. The
10 department of health is not currently collecting data on the
11 usage, dosage, or results of medical cannabis use among
12 qualifying patients. Such data is invaluable to continued
13 medical research in understanding the benefits of medical
14 cannabis treatment for various illnesses, ailments, diseases,
15 injuries, and other medical issues. Data collection and
16 research and development conducted by the University of Hawaii
17 John A. Burns school of medicine in conjunction with the



1 department of health on the results of medical cannabis
2 treatment among qualifying patients would be of great value to
3 the State in developing alternative strategies to treating
4 various illnesses and ailments. The school of medicine is a
5 scholarly body, independent from the dispensaries and the
6 department of health, that could study related health outcomes
7 and serve as an important tool to provide medical insight
8 regarding the medical cannabis program. Medical cannabis
9 research is yet another area in which Hawaii can lead the way.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the
11 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine with
12 support from the department of health to collect data from
13 voluntary qualifying patients, maintain a database, and conduct
14 research and development regarding the efficacy of medical
15 cannabis use in the State and related health outcomes.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§329D- Research and development. The University of
20 Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine with support from the
21 department of health may conduct research and development on the



1 efficacy of using medical cannabis for medical treatment among
2 qualifying patients. The University of Hawaii John A. Burns
3 school of medicine shall offer qualifying patients the
4 opportunity to participate in voluntary data collection for the
5 purposes of medical cannabis research and development. Data
6 gathered shall include the debilitating medical condition being
7 treated, and the usage, dosage, and results of the medical
8 cannabis treatment. The University of Hawaii John A. Burns
9 school of medicine shall maintain a secure database based on
10 debilitating medical conditions treated with medical cannabis
11 and shall ensure qualifying patient participants' privacy and
12 compliance with any applicable provisions of the Health
13 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The
14 research and development under this section shall not include
15 any operational product testing or tests of cannabis chemical
16 composition or similar laboratory-based measurements."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the medical
18 cannabis registry and regulation special fund the sum of
19 \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2018-2019 for the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
21 medicine with support from the department of health to collect



1 data from voluntary qualifying patients and maintain a database
2 with privacy safeguards and in compliance with the Health
3 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and to also
4 conduct research and development regarding the efficacy of
5 medical cannabis use in the State and related health outcomes.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 health for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Medical Cannabis; Research and Development; University of Hawaii; John A. Burns School of Medicine; Appropriation

Description:

Allows the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine with support from the department of health to collect data from voluntary qualifying patients, maintain a database, and conduct research and development regarding the efficacy of medical cannabis use in the State and related health outcomes. Makes an appropriation.

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