

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **635**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 174
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 174, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the
definition of "debilitating medical condition" to include lupus,
epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, and autism as conditions
that qualify for the legal use of medical marijuana.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Epic-Interventions LLC;
Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance; Hawaii Educational Association for
Licensed Therapeutic Healthcare; Honolulu Wellness Center; Maui
Grown Therapies; Patients Without Time; We Are One, Inc.; and
twenty-six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Department of Health, District
41 of the Hawaii Republican Party, and two individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
the Attorney General and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii authorized the use of
medical marijuana in 2000, and at the time was one of the first
states nationwide to do so. Since 2000, the only condition that
has been added to the list of debilitating medical conditions is
post-traumatic stress disorder, which was added in 2015. The



policy movement of some states toward the medical use of marijuana has afforded patients more options when deciding how to treat and manage their health conditions and illnesses. However, the list of qualifying conditions in Hawaii remains limited compared to other states across the country. Accordingly, this measure amends the definition of "debilitating medical condition" to specify additional conditions that qualify for the legal use of medical marijuana to provide Hawaii patients more treatment options.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 174, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 174, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB174, SDI	Committee Referral: CPH, JDL	Date: 2/22/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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