

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1302

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2019

RE: H.B. No. 290  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 290, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend Hawaii's  
Uniform Controlled Substances Act to add a new cannabidiol drug to  
Schedule V in conformity with federal law and to create an  
exception for the drug under tetrahydrocannabinols in Schedule I.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety, Honolulu Police Department,  
Greenwich Biosciences, and Epilepsy Foundation Hawaii. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis  
Clinic and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the federal controlled substances  
law was updated to include a Schedule V controlled substance used  
to treat certain childhood-onset epilepsy patients who were not  
previously helped by other epilepsy medicines. This measure  
updates the Hawaii Uniform Controlled Substances Act to reflect  
those recent changes to federal law, which will improve the  
treatment options for certain epilepsy patients in Hawaii.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have created a new exception for this drug under Schedule I, as this exception was inconsistent with federal law;
- (2) Authorizing qualifying patients or qualifying out-of-state patients to transport medical cannabis between islands for their personal medical use; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 290, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 290, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



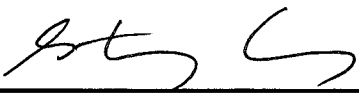
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 290, HD 1	CPH, JDC	3/15/19		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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