

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1797
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1797, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve patient access to medical cannabis by authorizing naturopathic physicians to provide written certifications for medical cannabis use to qualifying patients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Naturopathy Medicine, Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, Klein Natural Health and Wellness Center, Steelsmith Natural Health Center, and thirteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that naturopathic physicians are experts in botanical medicine and medicinal plant chemistry, safety, and efficacy. In addition to their expertise in botanical medicine, naturopathic physicians are primary care physicians who manage prescriptions for many of their patients. Your Committee further finds that adding naturopathic physicians to the provider types



eligible to certify patients for the Hawaii Medical Cannabis Program would significantly increase access to health care and benefit the people of Hawaii for whom medical cannabis may be a good therapeutic option.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1797, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1797, H.D. 2.

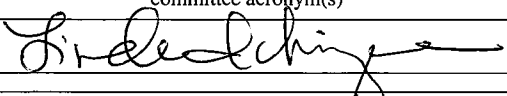
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1797, HD1	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/10/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida	✓			
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				✓
9. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				✓
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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