

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1843  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1843  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the manufacture  
and distribution of cannabis seeds and cannabis clones by medical  
cannabis dispensary licensees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Big Island Grown, Kush Hawaii, Patients Without Time, Drug  
Policy Forum of Hawaii, and nine individuals. Your Committee  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the  
Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that for twenty years medical cannabis  
patients have been allowed to self-cultivate cannabis; however,  
there has been no legal way to acquire cannabis seeds or clones.  
Allowing medical cannabis patients to grow their own cannabis from  
seeds or clones will enable these patients to obtain strains with  
medicinal properties while minimizing the risk of unwanted pests  
and pathogens from being introduced into a homegrown environment.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony by the  
Department of Health that this measure does not appear to comport



with the Legislature's intent in establishing the statewide dispensary system and may allow for the purchase of unlimited numbers of cannabis seeds and clones. The Department of Health also expressed concerns that this measure could potentially enable patients to exceed their statutory limit of medical cannabis and allow out-of-state patients to purchase cannabis clones in violation of state law, and risks encouraging the illegal cannabis market.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a preamble; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature **HSCR 200-20**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1843</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, CRC/HD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-4-20</b>		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. WARD, Gene			✓	
TOTAL (8)	6	<del>0</del>	1	1
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: _____ <b>BJ. Kepni</b>				
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