

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2097
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the medical cannabis
dispensary system law by:

- (1) Allowing for a process to remediate and retest any batch
of cannabis that fails laboratory testing standards so
long as any final product passes the laboratory
standards;
- (2) Authorizing licensed dispensaries to manufacture and
distribute edible cannabis products under certain
conditions; and
- (3) Authorizing licensed dispensaries to circulate, sponsor,
and promote educational and scientific information and
events related to cannabis that shall not be considered
advertising, under certain conditions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Community Alliance on Prisons, Kush Bottles Hawaii, Hawaii
Cannabis Industry Association, Big Island Grown Dispensaries, and



three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, and Patients Without Time. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Health.

Your Committees find that this measure amends the medical cannabis dispensary system law to clarify legislative intent, ensure smooth administration of the law, allow for adequate patient access based on experiences in other states that have a reasonable medical cannabis program, and resolve other issues that have arisen under the existing law.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Health shall consider remediation processes for cannabis and manufactured cannabis products;
- (2) Clarifying that edible cannabis products must be regulated and approved by the Department of Health as medical manufactured cannabis products and not as "food", as that term is defined and regulated under the Hawaii Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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