

**HB-2633**

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Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Murphy	PATIENTS WITHOUT TIME	Support	No

Comments:

**Aloha lawmakers,**

**PATIENTS WITHOUT TIME** begrudgingly **SUPPORT** HB2633, which Authorizes dispensaries to distribute cannabis propagules and cuttings to individuals authorized to cultivate cannabis plants for medical use, subject to quantity limits and quality requirements, because **after TWENTY YEARS of WAITING** - cannabis Patients need legal access to seeds, and clones!

However, cannabis needs to be legalized!

For the last two decades, Hawaii has been enforcing laws **UNEQUALLY** upon cannabis consumers, sending some to jail for cannabis crimes, while selling other citizens, (and visiting tourists), a "stay out of jail" card, from the "criminal activity" of consuming cannabis!

**THIS VIOLATES HAWAII'S CITIZENS RIGHT TO EQUAL JUSTICE!**

Cannabis consumers have been persecuted and prosecuted for generations, now Hawaii's cannabis patients are being abused for profits. Meanwhile, the opioid crisis and alcohol crisis in Hawaii continues to worsen, while citizens die.

**Hawaii's PAY-TO-PAY, vertically-integrated, seed-to-sale, medical cannabis monopoly, is operated like a mafia "protection from prosecution" racket, instead of a compassionate health care program.**

**Poor patients are priced out of the system for 20 years!** While anyone with money can buy a certification, no matter what their actual physical condition, rendering any medical research completely unreliable.

Hawaii needs a real medical cannabis program, AND an adult use program; two separate programs, not the "DUAL-Use" closed-program, as discussed in legislative meetings, and outlined in SB 686 SD1, which would give Hawaii's entire adult-use market to the dispensary monopoly.

**All citizens should have the right to grow their own cannabis strains.**

Hawaii's adult-use market should be legalized just as it has been operating for generations; which is thousands of small cannabis entrepreneurs, growing, processing, packaging and delivering world-famous brands of Hawaiian cannabis, and **the cannabis industry should be regulated like any other Hawaii businesses.**

Hawaii's cannabis industry should legalize the thousands of local growers that support their families, and communities by growing cannabis. Not handed over to a small group of big corporations, under the "plantation-mentality" that has destroyed Hawaii sustainability.

Brian Murphy, Director  
**PATIENTS WITHOUT TIME**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
TF Gorman	Maui Grown Therapies	Support	No

Comments:

Submitting testimony on behalf of Christopher Cole, Maui Wellness Group

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Miles W. Tuttle	Kush Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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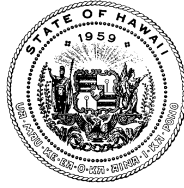
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Joshua Siefman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is good progress. This will open up a new market for dispensaries but be careful with the steep learning curve when doing cloning/propagation for production purposes. This also gives more patients at home a chance to grow their own medicine and a lot of patients want to grow at home, but do not have access to cannabis/hemp plant starters. Every patient should have access to plant starters and the right to grow as much as they should dried medicinal flower.

A question I have on the plant buying limit would be what would happen if a patient buys their 10 plants to grow but they die in a week or 2? A lot of patients that want to grow have never grown before, they lack experience, so they would have to wait until 30 days pass to buy another set of 10? There will need to be an educational component offered also if patients are new growers and want to be successful at home.

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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.B. 2633**  
**RELATING TO CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020      Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unable to determine at this time.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) appreciates the intent of this  
3 measure to improve patient access by amending the State’s medical cannabis dispensary system  
4 to authorize licensed dispensaries to distribute cannabis propagules and cuttings, however, DOH  
5 OPPOSES HB2633 for following reasons:

6 (1) **Does not appear to comport with the Legislature’s intent in establishing the regulated**  
7 **statewide dispensary system.** In 2015, the Hawaii Legislature established a statewide  
8 dispensary system for qualifying patients who lacked the ability to grow their own supply of  
9 cannabis. Authorizing licensed dispensaries to distribute propagules or cuttings to allow  
10 patients to grow cannabis plants appears to be a departure from the Legislature’s intent of  
11 establishing a dispensary system for patients who are unable to grow cannabis plants.

12 (2) **Potential for patients to exceed their statutory limit of medical cannabis.** “Adequate  
13 supply” is defined in section 329-121, HRS, as an amount not to exceed “ten cannabis plants,  
14 whether immature or mature, and four ounces of usable cannabis at any given time.”

15 Although a patient or caregiver’s home grown plants are required to be tagged with the

1 patient's registration number, home grow plant counts are not tracked within the state's  
2 electronic seed-to-sale tracking system. HB2633 would allow a patient to acquire up to ten  
3 propagules or cuttings every thirty days, in addition to any home grow plants, creating the  
4 potential for patients to exceed their statutory plant count limits.

5 (3) **Risk for encouraging the illegal cannabis market.** Allowing the sale of propagules and  
6 cuttings with no means to track these could tempt the diversion of legally obtained cannabis  
7 intended for medical use to other than registered patients. This could significantly jeopardize  
8 public health and safety.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Nikos Leverenz	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i (DPFH) strongly supports HB 2633, which authorizes dispensaries to distribute cannabis propagules and cuttings to patients and caregivers authorized to cultivate cannabis plants for medical use, subject to quantity limits and quality requirements. This has been a well-established practice in medical cannabis patient collectives and dispensaries for over two decades.

DPFH also supports additional prospective efforts to involve other persons and businesses in the production of cannabis. Continued vertical integration inhibits the variety of available products—to the detriment of consumers and those persons who could be otherwise employed in Hawai'i's emerging cannabis economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.