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**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2426 S.D. 1
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.**

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Room Number: 016

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department is in SUPPORT of this measure which: (1) Aligns the
2 language in Chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with recent enactments that provide for the
3 transfer of a dispensary license, removes the exclusion from dispensary employment for certain
4 class C felony convictions, and repeals the public housing restriction on medical cannabis facility
5 siting; (2) Corrects the omission of primary caregivers, qualifying out-of-state patients, and
6 caregivers of a qualifying out-of-state patient as individuals allowed to access medical cannabis
7 retail locations; (3) Defines “restricted access area” as that area in a retail location where medical
8 cannabis and manufactured medical cannabis products are dispensed or made available for retail
9 sale; and (4) Clarifies that each day of a violation of Chapter 329D, HRS is a separate offense
10 subject to a fine. Defining “restricted access area” will better serve patients by allowing a family
11 member, caregiver, or other assistant to help patients into retail dispensaries while preventing
12 unauthorized access to medical cannabis and manufactured medical cannabis products.
13 Clarifying that each day of a violation is a separate offense will better protect patient safety by
14 facilitating oversight of dispensary compliance with Chapter 329D, HRS.
15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2426. Please pass. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

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Miles W. Tuttle	Testifying for Kush Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

HAWAI'I CANNABIS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

February 25, 2020

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Judiciary
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Judiciary
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Fr: Teri Freitas Gorman, 2020 Chair, Hawai'i Cannabis Industry Association (HICIA)

Re: **SB2426 SD1 RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. - SUPPORT**
Allows primary caregivers, qualifying out-of-state patients, and caregivers of a qualifying out-of-state patient to access the restricted access area within a medical cannabis retail dispensary. Clarifies violations related to medical cannabis dispensaries.

The Hawai'i Cannabis Industry Association, formerly known as the Hawai'i Educational Association for Licensed Therapeutic Health (HEALTH), represents all eight of the state's licensed medical cannabis dispensaries and associate members.

The association would like to provide clarification and additional information about the scope of access to dispensary areas restricted to the public. The law currently uses the broad term "premises" to describe prohibited areas but should be more specifically defined and delineated as the retail facility sales area, so that the security and access for caregivers, qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers of out-of-state patients is clear.

We also support the other housekeeping provisions in the bill which align with recent enactments to the law so that there is consistency throughout the chapter to: (1) provide a process for the voluntary or involuntary sale or transfer of a dispensary license, (2) remove the exclusion from dispensary employment for certain class C felony convictions, and (3) repeal certain restrictions on medical cannabis dispensary siting.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony and for your consideration to move this bill forward.

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