

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2093-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: S.C.R. No. 221

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 221 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CURRENT PRICES OF AND ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND THE VOLUME OF ILLICIT CANNABIS SALES IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a study on the relationship between the current prices of and access to medical cannabis and the volume of illicit cannabis sales in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Marijuana Policy Project. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that medical cannabis dispensaries licensed under the State's dispensary law have averaged only a thirty-one percent market share of the State's registered medical cannabis patients, with the remaining sixty-nine percent of patients either purchasing medical cannabis from the illicit market or using cannabis grown by themselves or their caregivers. Your Committee further finds that a lack of access to licensed dispensaries, as well as the price of medical cannabis purchased

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from a licensed dispensary, may be contributing to the high rate of illicit medical cannabis purchases. The study requested by this measure will enable policymakers to better understand the relationship between current prices of and access to medical cannabis and the volume of illicit cannabis sales in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau, rather than the Auditor, to conduct the study;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 221, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 221, H.D. 1.

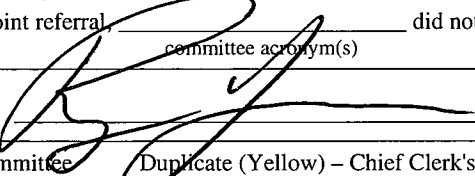
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health, Human  
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 221	Committee Referral: HHH, JHA	Date: 4/4/22		
<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)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	/			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
4. HAR, Sharon E.				/
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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