

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3603

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 1 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 221

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, 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,"

beg leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Akamai Cannabis Consulting. Your Committees received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of
the Auditor.

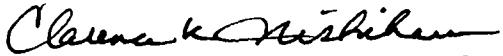
Your Committees find that since the passage of Act 241,
Session Laws of 2015, which established a regulated statewide
medical cannabis dispensary system, licensed medical cannabis
dispensaries have averaged only a thirty-one percent market share
of the State's registered medical cannabis patients. The
remaining sixty-nine percent of registered medical cannabis
patients, equating to more than twenty thousand patients, other



purchase medical cannabis from the illicit market or obtain cannabis by growing it themselves. Your Committees find that this disparity could be partially attributed to the lack of access to licensed dispensaries, as existing law authorizes a maximum of sixteen licensed retail dispensing locations across the State. Another contributing factor could be the price of medical cannabis from a licensed dispensary as compared to cannabis from the illicit market. This measure requests the Auditor to conduct a study on the relationship between current prices of and access to medical cannabis and the volume of illicit cannabis sales in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 221 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Public
Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

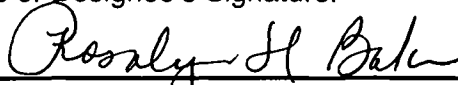


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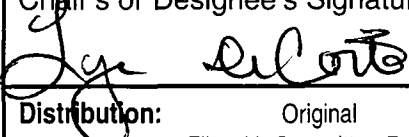
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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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