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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROL AND REGULATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS, TO CONVENE THE MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CANNABIS WORKING GROUP TO RESEARCH, DEVELOP, AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A DUAL USE REGULATORY SYSTEM ALLOWING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND CANNABIS FOR ADULT USE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii and twenty-seven other states, the District  
2 of Columbia, and the United States territories of Guam and  
3 Puerto Rico have legalized the use of medical cannabis for the  
4 treatment of certain qualifying medical conditions; and

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6 WHEREAS, recreational cannabis has been legalized in  
7 fifteen states and the District of Columbia; and

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9 WHEREAS, according to the Marijuana Policy Project, as of  
10 February 2021, states reported a combined total of  
11 \$6,900,000,000 in tax revenue from legal, adult-use marijuana  
12 sales; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State's main economic engine is tourism, and  
15 visitor numbers continue to increase year-over-year; and

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17 WHEREAS, visitors from states with legal adult recreational  
18 cannabis account for approximately one-third of the total annual  
19 visitors to Hawaii; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State has a need for additional tax revenue  
22 for a number of unfunded and underfunded mandates and  
23 priorities, as well as for new investments and enterprise; now,  
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,



1 that the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation in  
2 collaboration with the Chairpersons of the Senate Standing  
3 Committee on Health and Human Services and House of  
4 Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Homelessness,  
5 is requested to convene the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis  
6 Working Group to research, develop, and finalize recommendations  
7 for the creation of a dual use regulatory system allowing access  
8 to medical cannabis and cannabis for adult use; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested  
11 to be comprised of the following members:  
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- 13 (1) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
14 Health and Human Services, or the Chairperson's  
15 designee, who is requested to serve as co-chair;  
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- 17 (2) The Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on  
18 Health and Homelessness, or the Chairperson's  
19 designee, who is requested to serve as co-chair;  
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- 21 (3) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
22 Agriculture and Environment, or the Chairperson's  
23 designee;  
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- 25 (4) The Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on  
26 Agriculture and Food Systems, or the Chairperson's  
27 designee;  
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- 29 (5) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
30 designee;  
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- 32 (6) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;  
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- 34 (7) The Director of Agriculture, or the Director's  
35 designee;  
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- 37 (8) The Director of Taxation, or the Director's designee;  
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- 39 (9) The Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of  
40 Honolulu, or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;  
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- 1           (10) A police chief chosen by the Hawaii Law Enforcement
- 2                   Coalition, or the police chief's designee;
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- 4           (11) A representative of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii;
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- 6           (12) A representative from the Coalition for a Drug-Free
- 7                   Hawaii; and
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- 9           (13) Four qualifying patients registered with Hawaii's
- 10                   Medical Cannabis Registry Program, one of whom is a
- 11                   patient over the age of eighteen, one whom is a
- 12                   patient or guardian of a patient who is under the age
- 13                   of ten, one whom is a named caregiver of a patient,
- 14                   and one of whom is a representative on a licensed
- 15                   dispensary; and
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- 17           (14) Any other participants identified in consultation with
- 18                   the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation,
- 19                   and the Chairpersons of the Senate Standing Committee
- 20                   on Health and Human Services and House Standing
- 21                   Committee on Health and Homelessness; and
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested

24 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,

25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later

26 than ten days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of

27 2024; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

30 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, Director of

31 Health, Director of Agriculture, Director of Taxation,

32 Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and

33 Chief of Police of the police department of each County.

