

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3668

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2443  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients;
- (2) Clarify that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients subject to certain restrictions; and
- (3) Increase the maximum number of qualified patients for which each location used to cultivate cannabis may cultivate cannabis from five to ten patients.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Cannabis Society of Hawai'i, and four individuals.




Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Aloha Green Apothecary, Care Waiialua, Oahu Cannabis Farms Alliance, and thirty-one individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Akamai Cannabis Consulting, and one individual.

Your Committees find that grow site limits are important for ensuring patient safety and monitoring compliance with state rules for growing cannabis for medical use to prevent excessive growth and diversion from the medical-use system. Additionally, each patient is permitted to grow up to ten plants, meaning a ten-patient limit will restrict the total number of plants at a grow site to no more than one hundred plants. Your Committees believe that this is a manageable grow site size for the Department of Health to adequately monitor. This measure will therefore increase patient access to medical marijuana without compromising patient safety.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

  
KARL RHOADS, Chair



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HB 2443 HD2 SD1	HHS   CPN, JDC   WAM	03   28   24

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312      Pass, with amendments 2311      Hold 2310      Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	1	—

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB2443 HDZ SD1	HHS/CPN, JDC/WAM	3/28/2024

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
  Hold 2310    
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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