
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO RECREATIONAL CANNABIS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as of 2023,
2 twenty-four states have legalized the possession and
3 recreational use of cannabis. Twelve states have presented the
4 issue of recreational cannabis legalization as a ballot
5 initiative. The legislature further finds that the legalization
6 of recreational cannabis is a contentious issue that the people
7 of this State should have the opportunity to democratically
8 decide. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide for
9 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to
10 legalize the possession and use of recreational cannabis.

11 SECTION 2. Article IX of the Constitution of the State of
12 Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
13 designated and to read as follows:

"RECREATIONAL CANNABIS

14 **Section** . An individual in the State who is at least
15 twenty-one years of age may possess and use cannabis; provided
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1 that the legislature shall have the power to regulate, by
2 appropriate legislation, the possession, distribution, use, and
3 taxation of cannabis within the State."

4 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
5 be as follows:

6 "Shall the State Constitution be amended to allow
7 individuals who are at least twenty-one years of age to possess
8 and use cannabis and to authorize the Hawaii State Legislature
9 to enact legislation to regulate the possession, distribution,
10 use, and taxation of cannabis?"

11 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
13 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
14 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Recreational Cannabis; Legalization

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment that would legalize the possession and use of recreational cannabis by adults who are at least 21 years of age, as provided by law.

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