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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to learn from experts about the current regulatory framework and industry trends in Hawai'i for medical cannabis and hemp, as well as best practices from other states for managing legalized cannabis for adult use that protects public safety and public health, and supports a viable and well-regulated industry that successfully attracts consumers and suppliers away from the illegal and unregulated market. The briefing will also address the need for a robust public health campaign in a dual use market (medical and adult use) to prevent cannabis use by those under 21 and prevent impaired drivers from operating a vehicle while under the influence of cannabis.

Schedule with Presenters

2:00 PM – 3:10 PM

- Karen O'Keefe – Director of State Policies at Marijuana Policy Project
- Kaliko Castille – CEO of ThndrStrm Strategies and former President of the Minority Cannabis Business Association
- Jennifer Flanagan – Attorney at Liberty Square Group and Senior Advisor at Vicente LLP. Former member of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and former Massachusetts State legislator for 13 years
- TY Cheng – President, Aloha Green Apothecary, Oahu Medical Cannabis Dispensary



- Andrew Goff – Deputy Attorney General with expertise in medical cannabis, hemp, and adult use
- A representative from the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation at Hawaii State Department of Health
- Kai Luke – Community Advocate, Member of the Cannabis Society of Hawai'i

3:10 PM – 4:00 PM

Questions from Members of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

This meeting is open to the public; no public testimony will be accepted.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

