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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1482 HD1  
RELATED TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID A. TARNAS, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date/Time: February 25, 2025, 2:00 PM

Room # 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department supports the House Draft 1 that includes amendments  
3 requested by the Department.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation provides the  
5 following testimony on behalf of the Department.

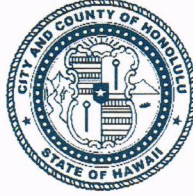
6 Currently, Chapter 328G, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) prohibits the use of synthetic  
7 and artificially derived cannabinoids in a manufactured hemp product. The Department  
8 supports efforts to enhance consumer protection and public safety by clarifying the definitions  
9 of “artificially derived cannabinoid”, “cannabis”, and “manufactured hemp product” in section  
10 328G-1 to explicitly include any substances enumerated in section 329-14(g), thereby  
11 prohibiting synthetic and artificial cannabinoids. The hemp-cannabinoid marketplace continues  
12 to evolve rapidly, and these changes allow us to better respond to protect public health and  
13 safety.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 25, 2025

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
and Hawaiian Affairs  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1482, H.D. 1, Relating to Controlled Substances

I am Raynor M. Ikehara, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1482, H.D. 1, Relating to Controlled Substances.

The HPD supports legislation aimed at amending the definitions of "artificially derived cannabis", "cannabis", and "manufactured hemp product" under the hemp processors law. This amendment would include all forms of cannabinoids classified as Schedule I under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.


Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol has not been evaluated or approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA has reported that products containing Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol are marketed in ways that could pose a risk to public health.

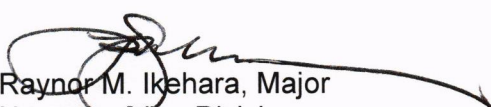
The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1482, H.D. 1, Relating to Controlled Substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

  
Raynor M. Ikehara, Major  
Narcotics/Vice Division



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 24, 2025

TO: Representative David Tarnas  
Chair, Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Mahina Poepoe  
Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 1482 – Related to Controlled Substances**

**Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 325**

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Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Cure Oahu in **support** of **H.B. 1482, HD1**, Related to Controlled Substances, which amends the definitions of "artificially derived cannabis" and "cannabis" to include, and the definition of "manufactured hemp product" to specifically exclude, all forms of cannabinoids classified as schedule I under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Delta-8 THC is an artificially derived product that can be extracted from hemp products and have psychoactive effects. Under the Hawaii controlled substances law, Delta-8 THC is technically already included in HRS 329-14(g)(1) under the synonymous term "Delta-6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol." However, this bill proposes to make it explicit that Delta-8 THC is part of the controlled substances schedule and is not permitted to be manufactured from hemp products.

Delta-8 THC products are unregulated and can pose health and safety risks due to the lack of oversight over this substance. This measure closes a loophole that has allowed synthetically derived Delta-8 THC products to proliferate in the state.

For these reasons, we support this measure and ask that the Committee pass H.B.1482, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.

**HB-1482-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/25/2025 2:17:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karlyn Laulusa	Noa Botanicals	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

I stand in support of HB1482HD1 with amendments. The bill has a list that includes various chemical structures related to tetrahydrocannabinols (THC), synthetic cannabinoids, and other substances with structural similarities to cannabinoids. However, the specific names and structures of the most abused cannabinoid masking terms used on packaging today (HHC, THCA, THCP, THC-O) are not included in the list.

1. HHC (Hexahydrocannabinol) is a hydrogenated derivative of THC.
2. THCA (Tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) is the acidic precursor to THC.
3. THCP (Tetrahydrocannabiphorol) is a newer, potent cannabinoid related to THC.
4. THC-O (Tetrahydrocannabinol acetate) is a synthetic cannabinoid.

The above-mentioned compounds are derivatives or analogs of THC, but none of them are explicitly listed under the specific chemical categories that are provided.

I would suggest amending the language to capture both derivatives and analogs of THC.

Thank you

**HB-1482-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 4:55:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. This fear-mongering of Hemp and other cannabis-related products must end. How many more times do we have to tell you its safe? How many times will you ignore the pleas of your constituents? Pass this bill, not because its the right thing to do but because it's embarrassing. So many people of our leaders treat cannabis like it's a monster under their bed, and quite frankly, it's time to grow up.