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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1429\_SD2\_HD2  
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS**

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

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

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The amendments to Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2018, will  
2 extend currently filled exempt positions to June 30, 2029, and will require continued  
3 appropriation of funds.

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5 **Department Testimony:** The Department strongly supports this measure, which repeals the  
6 sunset date for caregiver cultivation and ensures that patients relying on home cultivation  
7 maintain access to medical cannabis. The Department also appreciates the inclusion of our  
8 requested amendments in prior drafts, particularly the extension of the expiration date for  
9 currently filled employee positions. Without this extension, these positions will expire on June  
10 30, 2025, leading to job losses and significant disruptions to the medical cannabis program. To  
11 allow sufficient time for administrative processing, it is crucial that the extension is approved  
12 well in advance of the current expiration date. **Therefore, we respectfully request that the**  
13 **measure take effect upon approval to ensure these positions can be administratively**  
14 **extended prior to their scheduled expiration date of June 30, 2025.**

15 Additionally, the Department appreciates the extension of interim rule-making authority, which  
16 allows for the swift implementation of statutory changes, ensuring continued patient access  
17 and program stability. We also value the inclusion of enforcement authority, which is crucial for

1 effective regulation, maintaining compliance, protecting public health, and addressing emerging  
2 challenges in the evolving medical cannabis industry.

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

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6 **Offered Amendments:**

7 To ensure adequate time for the exempt positions to be administratively extended and prevent  
8 job losses, we request that the measure be effective upon approval while maintaining a  
9 retroactive effective date for the authority for caregivers to cultivate for their patient, by  
10 amending Section 7 of the bill, page 8, lines 12-16, to read as follows:

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12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
13 provided that Section 3 shall take effect retroactively to  
14 January 1, 2025.

**SB-1429-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nikos Leverenz	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, & JHA Committee Members:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawai‘i (DPFH) strongly supports to right of patients and care providers to collectively associate. It’s most unfortunate that the sunset provision regarding care providers was not removed last session or in prior sessions.

DPFH supports increasing the number of registered patients able to access an individual care provider to 10 given the Department of Health’s decade-long failure to create a medical cannabis landscape in each county that is more conducive to patient needs.

This ongoing bureaucratic lethargy includes overly restrictive patient registration requirements, an unwillingness to extend licenses beyond the original licensees, not allowing original licensees to diversify their product lines through partnership with new market participants, and the wanton lack of tone-neutral, science-based information to educate the public about cannabis use.

Unfortunately, bureaucratic failure by DOH on this front has been matched by legislative recreancy. Hawai‘i law continues to be deficient in the provision of [employment protections to registered medical cannabis patients](#). It has also failed in not providing express authorization of medical cannabis access by patients in skilled nursing and hospice facilities akin to [Ryan's Law in California](#), which has operated without incident for years.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Members of the Committee:

The Libertarian Party of Hawaii is in strong **opposition** to the recent cannabis reform efforts proposed in our state. These initiatives, touted as steps towards legalization, are in reality a complex regulatory framework that criminalizes consumers, handicaps small operators, and perpetuates a system of control rather than liberation.

The bills in question fail to dismantle prohibition; they overlay it with layers of bureaucracy. These measures endow the state with broad authority. They substantially deviate from true legalization and present government grip disguised as reform. Such provisions suggest that the state would determine who can partake, rather than empowering the populace.

Persistent punitive measures contradict any semblance of true legalization. The threat of jail time for minor offenses related to loose cannabis in vehicles and arbitrarily imposed THC limits for drivers directly contradict the principles of genuine liberty.

The bills disproportionately benefit corporate interests over local agricultural stakeholders. Testimonials from local growers have underlined these disparities, with firm apprehensions that the system teeters towards enriching the few while sidelining grassroots and small-business operators.

The new proposals worsen existing gaps in the cannabis industry, reinforcing old restrictive practices and hindering progress. As residents of Hawaii, we seek genuine reform that prioritizes liberty to the fullest extent—not superficial changes that preserve the current system under the guise of freedom.

We urge all involved to push back against these laws: understand their rules, talk about them, and speak up. Hawaii's journey toward freedom depends on everyone working together to fight these control measures and support changes that truly honor personal freedoms and real progress.

In unwavering pursuit of liberty,

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Aloha legislators.

The 1,000 members of the Oahu Cannabis Farm Alliance oppose restricting card limits and caregiver limits for the medical cannabis patients of Hawaii. We also oppose violation penalties to medical patients who are already struggling to afford cannabis medicine and an access to medicine.

OCFA, established in 2021, to bring together the medical cannabis community to meet with legislatures and address the law written into 329 codes to limit grow sites to five patients and limit the number of patients a caregiver can care for. OCFA has allowed the DOH inspectors, legislators (Gov. Josh Green), and even the state tax law enforcement onto our cooperative farms to show them how these farms work and provide a safe place for medical patients. These farms are not “diversion risks” or “commercial entities”, as stated by the DOH and the attorney general. These farms are places of compassion and whole plant healing centers.

In 2021, legislation extended the date to limit cards and caregivers, from 2021 to 2025 to allow the state to come up with solutions to allow cooperative farms to operate. There was absolutely nothing accomplished in these four years. Many farms built structures and capacity to help medial cannabis patients with the knowledge that the DOH would fix the problem with fair and clear policy. The DOH allowed these large farms to operate for over 10 years and they should be responsible for addressing the immediate emergency instead of forcing over 4,000 medical cannabis patients off their grow sites. These medical patients are now without cannabis medicine and do not use the current dispensary system for a multitude of reasons. Cost being the number one reason. Patients can grow and care give at cooperative farms saving them money but also connecting them with their own cannabis medicine.

There are other ways to move forward without just dispensaries, and OFCA needs the state to recognize the direction forward. The Hawaii Medical Cannabis Act, written through LRB, and now introduced twice, has been drowned out by recreational policy. This act solves all regulations dealing with medical cannabis and allows for a healthy and free market for medical cannabis patients to thrive in. Do not endanger our medical cannabis community with limits and hyper law enforcement. Medical cannabis patients are building health and wellness and the uncertainty of the program's future is causing undue stress to medical cannabis patients.

Mahalo.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1429 SD2 HD2  
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS  
Clifton Otto, MD

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair  
Rep. Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

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This bill is critical for qualifying patients on islands with a dispensary who need assistance with cultivation and is supported by Executive Order No. [24-06](#) and the Governor's request that the Legislature address this issue.

Another way to assist patients with access and cultivation is to expand the number of patients that a primary caregiver can care for from the current number of one to five.

Five patients are already allowed to grow on one property, which means there can be 50 plants on one property, since one patient can grow ten plants.

Patients are already able to share in the costs of cultivation when they grow together on the same property, without having to engage in illegal commercial activity.

And patients do not often buy more than one ounce of dried flower from a dispensary at one time, so a primary caregiver purchasing for five patients could easily transport no more than the allowable amount for one patient, which is four ounces. Allowing a primary caregiver to purchase for five patients would improve dispensary access for those patients who cannot travel to a dispensary and are having difficulty finding a primary caregiver.

For these reasons, please add the following amendment back into SB1429 SD2 HD2:

SECTION 6. Section [329-123](#), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) Primary caregivers shall register with the department of health. ~~[Every]~~ Each primary caregiver shall be responsible for the care of ~~[only one]~~ not more than five qualifying ~~[patient]~~ patients at any given time, unless the primary caregiver is the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of more than one minor qualifying patient, in which case the primary caregiver may be responsible for the care of more than one minor qualifying patient at any given time; provided that the primary caregiver is the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of all of the primary caregiver's qualifying patients. The department of health may permit registration of up to two primary caregivers for a minor qualifying patient; provided that both primary caregivers are the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the minor qualifying patient."





To: Representative David Tarnas, Chair  
Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice-Chair  
Members of the House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Fr: Blake Oshiro on behalf of the HICIA Assn.

Re: Testimony **Comments** on **Senate Bill (SB) 1429, Senate Draft (SD) 2**  
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS

Authorizes the Department of Health to impose penalties and take enforcement actions for violations of the medical cannabis laws. Effective 1/1/2025, retroactively repeals the prohibition against primary caregivers cultivating medical cannabis for their qualifying patients, and authorizes primary caregivers to cultivate cannabis in an amount not to exceed an adequate supply for the qualifying patient. Effective 6/28/2025, extends for two years the sunset on the interim rules adopted by the Department of Health and extends for four years the sunset date for the exemption from civil service of personnel hired by, or contracts entered into by, the Department of Health. Effective 12/31/2050.

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Poepoe and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Cannabis Industry Association, represents a majority of the state's licensed medical cannabis dispensaries. HICIA **provides comments** on SB1429, particularly to the provisions which: (1) retroactively revives the caregiver cultivation program, (2) clarifies enforcement powers of the Department of Health (DOH), and (3) extends DOH's interim rule making authority.

Caregiver cultivation:

When medical cannabis dispensary law was created in 2015 by Act 241, and then codified as Haw. Rev. Stat. (HRS) 329-130(b), it provided that except for limited exceptions, the caregiver cultivation program would continue until 2018 and that "[a]fter December 31, 2018, no primary caregiver shall be authorized to cultivate marijuana for any qualifying patient." In 2017, this was extended from 2018 an additional five years to 2023. Act 41, [2017 HB1488, HD1, SD1, CD1](#) In 2022, Act 309 was passed extending the deadline from December 2023 to December 31, 2024. [HB2260, HD1, SD2, CD1](#)

In passing the one-year extension to 2024, the legislative history provides:

Your Committee on Conference further finds that to ensure that the existing medical dispensary licensing framework sufficiently meets the needs of qualifying patients in a cost-effective manner, an assessment of the dispensary licensing framework is necessary. In order to ***maintain the status quo while the assessment***

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*is being conducted*, an extension of the deadline by which primary caregivers can no longer cultivate cannabis for a qualifying patient is therefore necessary. (Emphasis added)

Conference Committee [Report No. 235-22](#)

We are unaware of any assessment having been conducted by the DOH in 2023 or 2024 that justifies maintaining this status quo or continuation of the caregiver cultivation program. Instead, since that time, the number of registered qualified patients<sup>1</sup> has dropped making it harder for the licensed medical cannabis dispensaries to ensure availability in a “cost-effective manner.” DOH has not done anything proactively to increase patients through education (as part of its mission and fees under the law), through more cooperative administration to minimize licensees operational costs.

While the HICIA does not necessarily object to caregivers cultivating medical cannabis for qualified patients, the DOH has an absolutely dismal history of any enforcement against blatant, excessive and obvious violations of the caregiver program in the past. There is clear evidence of an Oahu caregiver cultivation site that had thousands of cannabis plants, in fact, more cannabis plants on that site than any licensed medical production center.

While HICIA does not object to the caregiver program being revived in theory, our concern is the poor history the DOH has on enforcement against blatant violators, and what that indicates for its ability to enforce should the program be resurrected. But, we do support the change made in House HLT and in the current House Draft 2 whereby the ratio of locations for caregivers to cultivate cannabis on behalf of a qualified patient was reduced from 5 patients:1 caregiver to 1:1 ratio.

### Enforcement

The HICIA has no issue with the provisions on clarifying the DOH’s enforcement powers. In fact, we support them if they are indeed going to be used to enforce on the never previously DOH-enforced caregiver cultivator program. We would similarly support these provisions to enforce against illicit retail of cannabis and THC-content

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<sup>1</sup> While the number of registered medical cannabis patients reached its peak in August 2021, with 35,444 card-holding patients, since then, the number of patients has decreased over fifteen per cent to 30,035 by November 2024.



products in multiple locations that have been reported and complained about in other hearings.

### Interim Rule Making Authority

Similar to the multiple extensions on the caregiver cultivation program, DOH's interim rule making authority has been extended twice and the program is now operating at close 10 years under DOH's "interim" rule authority, and not any permanent or regularly adopted administrative rules.

When medical cannabis dispensary law was created in 2015, Act 241 gave the DOH interim rule making authority, "provided that the interim rules shall remain in effect until July 1, 2018, or until [regular] rules are adopted pursuant to subsection (a), whichever occurs sooner." HRS 329D-27. In 2017, this was extended from 2018 by two more years to 2020. Act 41, [2017 HB1488, HD1, SD1, CD1](#) In 2018, this was extended from 2020 to 2025. Act 159 [2018 HB2742, HD1, SD1, CD1](#)

It is important to note that "interim" rules, which is not usual and was an authority given to the DOH in this instance, meant that it was supposed to be temporary, or hold in place until the regular and permanent rules envisions under HRS 329D-27(a) are in place.

Those "regular" rules, like most all other administrative rules, follow a specific statutory process under HRS Chapter 91, meaning they go through public notice, public comment, public hearing, and review and approval by the Governor and then adoption.

While that is a lengthy and sometimes complicated process, it is the very nature of legal due process under our State Constitution. As such, the current "interim" rules process happens all behind the scenes. While the licensed dispensaries are sometimes provided some insight and opportunity to comment to DOH, all of that happens in a "black box," where ultimately decisions and final version is published sometimes considering or disregarding comments from the licensees.

At some point, DOH should be held accountable to adopt Chapter 91 administrative rules and not rely on interim rules simply because it is easier for them. However, at this point, we do not oppose DOH having another limited window for updating their interim rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven lozano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Canopy flowering space 5000 sq ft is the way. Having canopy space avoids card limits and caregiver limits and is the most compassionate way to provide wellness medicine. As you understand, 5 card limits are physically impossible due to lack of money, land, and labor to safely support 4000 patients who lost their grow site. This was never part of the deal when patients started contacting legislature in 2021 and stressed that they were going to lose their grow site due to the 5-card limit law. Furthermore, the 5-card limit law date was extended from 2021 to 2024 to allow legislatures and the Dept of Health to come up with solutions for large grow sites not ignore the law and pass it as is. Card limits and caregiver limits are broken. Don't make outlaws out of us and force us into the black market.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 9:10:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert C. Anderson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, This bill does not protect medical patients. Canopy flowering space 5000 sq ft is the way. Having canopy space avoids card limits and caregiver limits and is the most compassionate way to provide wellness medicine. As you understand, 5 card limits are physically impossible due to lack of money, land, and labor to support 4000 patients who lost their grow site safely. This was never part of the deal when patients started contacting the legislature in 2021 and stressed that they were going to lose their grow site due to the 5-card limit law. Furthermore, the 5-card limit law date was extended from 2021 to 2024 to allow legislatures and the Dept of Health to come up with solutions for large grow sites not ignore the law and pass it as is. Card limits and caregiver limits are broken. Don't make outlaws out of us and force us into the black market.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 9:39:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Quintin Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a vague bill that will allow an "adequate" amount of cannabis to be produced per patient. Doesn't state how many patients, doesn't allow them to have a dispensary license, doesn't protect the patients or caregivers. This will only create more issues.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 9:44:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard OHamill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 9:58:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Asuncion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shawnell Alonso	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carly Lobitos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ERIN HEWITT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of my husband and myself. My husband is a Vietnam Veteran with a Purple Heart and 3 Bronze stars. We moved to Oahu to attend Tripler's TMI clinic for brain injury caused by a brain tumor. After moving to Hawaii and registering for a green card to use medical marijuana here in Hawaii to ease the side effects from his brain tumor. It was recommended by the medical professional people we were seeing to increase his appetite due to the appetite sensor in his brain being affected by the brain tumor. One year after using medical marijuana the second MRI was done. His tumor had not grown. In the beginning we were given 5 years to live out the rest of his life here on the island. What I can tell you is that we have been here 11 years as of next month. If not for Jason helping us out by growing my husband's medicine for him, I don't believe my husband would not be here with us. Thank you, Erin K. Hewitt

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Palacio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
sam henderson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
larry kiyohiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 11:07:07 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Louise Clark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
katie griswald	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Edwards	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

medical cannabis is very important to patients here in Hawai'i. Without programs like these that help not only farmers but medical patients as well need cooperatives like this to be able to get there medicine without having to go to dispensaries all the time. Just as long as the laws are being upheld and enforced I don't see a problem with it.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2025 11:48:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Thomas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
RB	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an employee of a dispensary on Oahu and a patient I can attest these companies are not ready for recreational use. As an employee and patient we need safe spaces for use, employee protections/unions, whilst buying from legacy growers, education programs in schools for cannabis, and taxes earmarked for specific well being programs, as well as, we need cannabis banking before recreational use. Final note: Please allow more qualifying conditions (non-specific pain esp) before 21+ use.

**SB-1429-HD-2**

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
anthony ettleman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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robert pinos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jolynn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kern rogerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Heidi Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

**Comments:**

Canopy flowering space 5000 sq ft is the way to a better medical program moving into legalization. Having canopy space avoids card limits and caregiver limits and is the most compassionate way to provide wellness medicine. As you understand, 5 card limits are physically impossible due to lack of money, land, and labor to safely support 4000 patients who lost their grow site. This was never part of the deal when patients started contacting legislature in 2021 and stressed that they were going to lose their grow site due to the 5-card limit law. Furthermore, the 5-card limit law date was extended from 2021 to 2024 to allow legislatures and the Dept of Health to come up with solutions for large grow sites not ignore the law and pass it as is. Card limits and caregiver limits are broken. Don't make outlaws out of us and force us into the black market.

Most States are still dealing with terrible legalization laws. Let's be the first state to do it right; without the monopolizing of our industry.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Suzanna Hansen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donna Brooks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSED!

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ricky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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JHA SB1429 3rd round testimony

Dear David and Mahina,

Since I am addressing the Judicial and Hawaiian Affairs committee first names is in community as we protect and speak for "FAMILY" out here in the Pacific Ocean. I want to make sure I have done my level best to make sure you know about Canopy Flowering Space/ 5, 000 sq ft vs 1-5-10 etc card limits. We all know Blake O. will do his level best to rep his EIGHT 2016 dispensaries riding the razors edge of breach of Sherman Antitrust Act 30% look it up! If that is the going concern or 2025 precedent you wish to establish , let it be so. This witness testimony is to provide you an out and avoid the waste fraud abuse charges ahead.

POINT ONE:

the Private sector is asking where is the review of the EIGHT Dis pens since 2014 ? Yes we will hear again BLAKE Oshiro a past public employed turned private lobbyist for the 2016 Sherman antitrust ACT Eight pay to play Barrier to entry 4 locations each total 34 mind you . Yes this is direct and technical cuz you made us have to do it this way yeah we the people had to spell this out to this committee cuz this bill will not die will not fix the abuse of power of the past this bill only focus on get high you all are not looking at the get well get fed get housed that this Whole Natural Plant can do when not infringed

POINT TWO:

With the recent un-a -living of Nolan Espinda Public Safety Director The Stress of the Numbers was too Much to bear. ( Hawaii Prisons add it up 60% Hawaiian Youth / 60% Hawaiian Women have children / 47 % Native Hawaiian men ) . « if you do not understand the colonial abuse of power of operation green harvest to ICE METH Study to banishment to AZ SCC then you need to vote neah and take the time to listen to the people vs get high industry lobbyist this is way more than you tunnel vision committee by committee realize. the great correction is here and now do the right thing.

EVIDENCE:

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# Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

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A Report to the  
Governor  
and the  
Legislature of  
the State of  
Hawai'i

Point TWO - WHERE IS OUR REVIEW ??? 2014 to date



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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JOHN WAIHEE  
GOVERNOR

January 28, 1987

Honorable John C. Lewin  
Director  
Department of Health  
1250 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Dr. Lewin:

Based on the recommendation of your office, I am pleased to accept the environmental impact statement for the eradication of marijuana on state-owned and managed conservation district lands on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Molokai, as satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This environmental impact statement will be a useful tool in the process of deciding whether or not the action described therein should be allowed to proceed. My acceptance of the statement is an affirmation of the adequacy of that statement under applicable laws and does not constitute an endorsement of the proposed action.

Point Three PUBLIC SAFETY you say Where is our AUDIT breach of public trust ORR state and FOIA Federal Labour and Enforcement incentives dollars expense \$\$\$

ICE AND OTHER  
METHAMPHETAMINE USE:  
AN EXPLORATORY STUDY  
FINAL REPORT

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Point Three After you eradicate cannabis bring in ICE METH to kick out the POORS  
banishment where is the lie we the people know this is the pattern of behavior and  
demand J H A to address

Remote non kill box meetings can be arranged , just be ready willing and able to do they will of  
the people as you swore OATH OF OFFICE TO .

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Tabios	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorraine Martinez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Dept of Health has let us all down as medical patients. Step up Hawii learn from Maine! Do some homework

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dolores Martinez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I am an 87 year old Hawaii born medical patient. Im ashamed at how this state has handled this problem. Not fair to take my medicine and not return it! Then write bills like this! Just plain Pilau all you folks. Start writing a Save my Farm Bill!!!!

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Testimony for JHA on 3/25/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alika Bee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gualdarama, Warren	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tomoko Palmieri	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose to this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Derek Poag	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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