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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB1064 SD1
RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: February 26, 2025, 10:05 A.M.

Room Number: 211

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure imposes additional responsibilities for the Department of
2 Health (“Department”) but does not include an appropriation for the necessary resources.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (OMCCR)
4 provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The Department appreciates the intent to address unauthorized operation of a
6 dispensary, particularly given the rise in unlicensed and unregulated retailers selling intoxicating
7 cannabinoid products, posing risks to public health and safety. However, the Department has
8 concerns about the personal safety of Department staff issuing administrative cease and desist
9 notices to illegal cannabis retailers operating in violation of criminal code. In regulating medical
10 cannabis and hemp-cannabinoid products, the Department collaborates with and relies on the
11 support of state and county law enforcement agencies to address non-compliance and more
12 serious criminal offenses. We defer to these agencies to resolve conflicts that may escalate to
13 the arrest, raid, search, seizure, or other civil or administrative actions associated with the
14 unauthorized operation of a dispensary.

1 The Department respectfully notes that exempting permitted “hemp processors, hemp
2 product retailers, or hemp produce retailers”, as proposed on page 3, lines 9 to 12, may provide
3 an unintended loophole in the law allowing an unlicensed dispensary to obtain a hemp
4 processor permit and market illicit cannabis, under the guise of hemp, without being
5 subjected to the new enforcement authorities proposed in this measure.

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

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 9:05:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Quintin Wilcox	Testifying for LabGrownGenetics	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is not a bill for the farmers or caregivers or small businesses of Hawaii and is not good legislation and will only imprison more people for a plant that should be free to the people. This is a ridiculous attempt for the Dispensaries that exist to create a Monopoly of the industry when they can't wveb provide quality products at a quality price. Allow the people to choose who they purchase their medicine from. This is ridiculous...



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair, Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **S.B. 1064, SD1 – Relating to Medical Cannabis**

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:05 a.m.
Conference Room: 211

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Rhoads and members of the Joint Committees:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Cure Oahu in **support of S.B. 1064, SD1**, which 1) prohibits persons from operating a medical cannabis dispensary without a license from the Department of Health, 2) prohibits individuals from providing certain services to individuals engaging in unlicensed cannabis operations, 3) requires the Department of Health to send a cease and desist notice to violators, and 4) establishes criminal penalties.

The purpose of this bill is to provide the Department of Health with clear enforcement tools to shut down illegal websites that are significantly impacting the regulated medical cannabis industry. There are numerous websites that are currently operating and advertising their sale of cannabis products, some which acknowledge that Hawaii is a medical cannabis only state, but some that do not and still openly sell cannabis products.

We appreciate the prior committee's amendments made in the SD1, which narrow the scope of the original language and add language relating to enforcement.

We respectfully ask that the Committees move this measure to continue discussions on how to provide the department with the appropriate enforcement authority to shut down illegal activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.



February 23, 2025

Subject: SB 1064 Testimony - STRONGLY OPPOSE

No law shall limit how much food and medicine you can legally grow for your own family and community.

This bill will CRIMINALIZE FARMERS who have the innate human right to grow cannabis for themselves and their communities WITHOUT a government license.

How evil and/or incompetent does a legislator need to be to support the use of taxpayer dollars to dispatch law enforcement to fine, harass, steal, and destroy Hawaiian farmers and farming operations just to protect the interests of the corporate-State cannabis monopoly on growing, processing, and distributing a natural plant medicine to the community? As a civil servant and political leader, are you so desperate and greedy that you MUST tax a plant crop to fill your coffers?

Perhaps you do not even realize that that your actions - such as this specific bill - are directly undermining and sabotaging many farmers in Hawaii's socially/environmentally equitable, regenerative agricultural movement because you are so detached from your food and from the 'āina which provides for us ALL, that you cannot comprehend the concept of actually SUPPORTING farmers so you continue to hinder and micromanage the vast majority of them into financial bankruptcy with your corporate-minded, ag community-absent legislation.

Unlicensed Vs. Licensed Farms

Cannabis cultivation, along with organic food cultivation, is our natural human right and civil liberty. Just ask Carrie Ann Shirota at the Hawaii American Civil Liberties Union if you are still confused about the ethics of government regulation, interference, and encumbrance with community self-sufficiency and regenerative organic agricultural practice and production.

Therefore, it is every individual's CIVIL RIGHT to cultivate cannabis for one's self, family and friends. Cannabis cultivation is a right to medical and agricultural self determination and a financially-sustainable traditional system of community-driven healthcare that balances both community-grown economic and medical support from within.



Any individual who is farming and cultivating THC products NOT for public retail or wholesale sales should NOT be required to obtain and maintain a license or pay taxes on cannabis cultivation.

Furthermore, any individual who is farming and cultivating cannabis products WITHOUT THC (i.e. seeds, plants, clones, hemp products, etc.) for public retail or wholesale sales should NOT be required to obtain and maintain a “dispensary” license.

Cannabis cultivation on private property, shared between family and friends is none of the government’s business and the State of Hawaii has no right to institute mandatory licensing and taxes on those individuals.

Social Equity and Fair Compensation for Farm Laborers

It is very apparent that these bills are written by individuals who have ZERO experience farming, let alone ZERO personal experience using the cannabis plant for its intended medicinal and spiritual purposes. That lack of experience is evident in the lack of foresight regarding who will be doing the actual cannabis farming. The lack of experience of the authors who wrote these cannabis bills is also evident in their glaring ignorance regarding the immense difficulty to be a career farmer in Hawaii dealing with the numerous detrimental factors and uncertainties that make farming so financially costly and psychologically draining that the average person is physically and mentally INCAPABLE of successfully (profitably) farming in the long run, year after year. Most beginning farmers in Hawaii (namely GoFarm graduates) fail to continue farming consistently past the 3 year mark, and even fewer can claim to still be farming seriously after 5 years.

Therefore, it is incredibly naive and glib for the champions of these shortsighted cannabis legalization bills to simply state with such a blind certainty that this “budding industry” will produce many valuable jobs for local people to afford to continue living here in Hawaii.

Historically, farm workers were routinely exploited for cheap labor. Plantation workers were fundamentally one step above indentured servitude and slavery. Historically, immigrant populations are routinely imported and exploited for cheap labor because they are vulnerable communities with limited socioeconomic opportunities and alternatives. Historically, this was the ONLY way for the plantation corporations to remain profitable.



Unless the State of Hawaii is going to ensure tourism-subsidized HEALTHCARE and HOUSING for Hawaii's farmers, there will be NO SOCIAL EQUITY and NO FARMERS to grow Hawaii's agricultural industries.

NO FARMERS = NO FARMS = NO FOOD or MEDICINE

DO THE RIGHT THING.

"Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono."

Mahalo nui loa,

Alex Wong
Kauai Farm Planning

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Submitted on: 2/25/2025 9:20:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Crook	Testifying for Hilo Grow Shop, LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1064 SD1. While I understand the need for regulation to ensure safety and quality, I firmly believe that this bill unjustly strengthens the current medical cannabis monopoly and undermines the fair and equitable access to medical cannabis that patients and entrepreneurs deserve.

SB 1064 SD1 imposes stringent penalties on unlicensed cannabis operations, which may perpetuate fear and stigmatization of cannabis use. Instead of imposing harsher penalties, efforts should be directed toward creating a more inclusive and accessible licensing framework. Such a framework should ensure that licenses are distributed in a fair and equitable manner, allowing for greater participation from a diverse range of individuals and communities.

The bill, as it stands, does not address the need for expanding the number of available licenses. This omission effectively maintains the existing medical cannabis monopoly, limiting competition and innovation within the market. A competitive and diverse market is crucial for ensuring that patients have access to a variety of high-quality and affordable medical cannabis products.

I urge lawmakers to reconsider the provisions of SB 1064 SD1 and to focus on policies that promote fair access and reduce penalties. By doing so, we can create a more just and equitable medical cannabis system that truly serves the needs of all people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tyler Crook

Hilo Grow Shop, LLC

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Submitted on: 2/25/2025 9:55:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cannabis Society of Hawai'i	Testifying for Cannabis Society of Hawai'i	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Cannabis Society of Hawai'i is in opposition of SB1064 SD1 as it creates criminal penalties for our community and depletes tax payer money.

We would rather see funds allocated towards Free school meals for children.

Please do not pass this bill.



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To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair of Judiciary
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair of Ways and Means
Members of the JDC/WAM Committees

Fr: Karlyn Laulusa, Chief Executive Officer, Noa Botanicals

Re: Testimony with Comments of Senate Bill (SB) 1064

Measure Title: RELATING TO CANNABIS.

Report Title: DOH; Medical Cannabis; Licensure; Requirement; Penalty

Description: Prohibits persons from operating a medical cannabis dispensary or producing, manufacturing, or selling cannabis products without a license from the Department of Health. Prohibits individuals from providing certain services to individuals engaging in unlicensed cannabis operations. Requires the Department of Health to send a cease and desist notice to violators. Establishes criminal penalties.

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and committee members,

My name is Karlyn Laulusa and I am the CEO of Noa Botanicals, a medical cannabis licensee. I stand in strong support of SB1064 and I would like to recommend amendments to address some concerns from the cannabis community.

For context, much of the opposing testimony is from the local grower community and my recommended amendments should help to address those concerns. This bill should be aimed at illegal cannabis dispensaries that are operating an online platform or retail store in a commercial property.

Language that specifically identifies online platforms or retail store operators will prevent any potential misinterpretation by regulators or enforcement related to caregivers, local growers, etc.

In terms of testimony provided by the Department of Health (DOH) related to budget and staffing concerns I'd like to highlight that licensing fees increased by \$76,000 from 2023 to 2024 with no increases in facilities – and the lowest patient participation since 2021. Further the department has \$11M that it has collected in said fees but has yet to deploy. Those funds could be used to add additional support for the administrative processes that would result with the implementation of said changes.



Again, the bill as written allows for misinterpretation even with sections F1 and F2. Below are my recommended amendments:

SECTION 1. Chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§329D- **Unauthorized operation of a dispensary; criminal penalty.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a **an online or retail cannabis** dispensary without a license from the department pursuant to this chapter.

(b) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly provide commercial real estate or other real property to a retail cannabis seller without a license from the department pursuant to this chapter.

~~(b)~~ (c) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly operate any search platform, web hosting services, social media platform, or other entity that posts information advertising the sale of cannabis products by an unlicensed person or entity engaged in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products without a license pursuant to this chapter.

~~(e)~~ **(d)** The department shall issue a cease and desist notice to any person or entity who violates subsection (a) or **(b) or (c)**; provided that the cease and desist notice shall be issued before initiating criminal proceedings.



(d) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be guilty of a class C felony.

(e) It shall be an affirmative defense to subsection (b) that the person providing commercial real estate or other real property to a retail cannabis seller without a license from the department pursuant to this chapter that participates in the sale of cannabis products had requested, examined, and reasonably relied upon a license that appeared to have been issued by the department that was shown by the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity engaged in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products establishing that the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity was licensed by the department to engage in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products pursuant to this chapter. The failure of the person providing commercial real estate or other real property to a retail cannabis seller to request and examine a license issued by the department from the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity engaged in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products before providing commercial real estate or other real property and form a conclusive basis for the person's violation of this section.

~~(e)~~ (f) It shall be an affirmative defense to subsection (c) ~~(b)~~ that the person operating any search platform, web



hosting services, social media platform, or other entity that posts information advertising the sale of cannabis products had requested, examined, and reasonably relied upon a license that appeared to have been issued by the department that was shown by the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity engaged in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products establishing that the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity was licensed by the department to engage in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products pursuant to this chapter. The failure of the person operating any search platform, web hosting services, social media platform, or other entity that posts information advertising the sale of cannabis products to request and examine a license issued by the department from the unlicensed person or unlicensed entity engaged in the production, manufacture, or sale of cannabis or manufactured cannabis products before providing access to any search platform, web hosting services, social media platform, or other entity that posts information advertising the sale of cannabis products shall be construed against the person operating any search platform, web hosting services, social media platform, or other entity that posts information advertising the sale of cannabis products and form a conclusive basis for the person's violation of this section.

(f) This section shall not apply to:



(1) Hemp processors, hemp product retailers, or hemp produce retailers with a valid permit under chapter 328G; or

(2) Primary qualified caregivers registered under chapter 329 who are acting within the scope of their permit or registration."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31, 2050.

I am available if anyone has any additional questions or concerns and thank you for the opportunity to share information with you.

Thank you,
Karlyn Laulusa

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Submitted on: 2/23/2025 11:10:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1064 SD1.

Gregory Misakian

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 7:40:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Salanoa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. At no point does this bill or the people behind it think about those of us who are in need of cannabis for pain. I have a rare neuro autoimmune called Transverse Myelitis, one of the most painful neuro conditions to have. I refuse to use opioids and have chosen to use cannabis for the pain, it's safer and I will not end up dead from an overdose of pain meds. This bill makes me go to a dispensary and pay some crazy unmanageable price for the meds. This is not priced or even meant to help me. **THIS IS A MONEY MAKING MONOPOLY** that a few white men want to control. If you pass this bill and I cannot go to a coop where I can afford my meds, then I will have to go underground and that is not what you want, is it?

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 8:07:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carie Lunsford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this because it will and can criminalize patients just like before cannabis was ever medical.

admendments: Allow patients to trade cannabis if they feel like it. It's this simple. Then you don't pressure ppl by force or FEAR of punishment, this is one reason the dispensary's are hardly making it.

Majority of people who fought for cannabis rights are 40-80 years old. This is your buying demographic. Starting in California with Prop 215 there was a goal to free cannabis from criminalizing people.

Please take this into consideration, remove laws that "force by fear" ppl into the dispensary's and instead allow free trade and it will benefit the dispensary, I think if the state allowed patients who grow to sell to the dispensary's the state will see a boost in income from the dispensary tax. If there is not a dispensary tax for the state there needs to be. The dispensary's would see a uptick if customers because they know their farmer and like jewelry, their farmers work will be at a dispensary and the patient will go for THAT REASON... I believe the more people that don't have to feel like they are criminals (by removing cannabis charges-collect based on taxes-)

The people have moved this movement! Let's all remember this and include them. I personally had guns to my head when I was 7 over the cannabis plant and I will never quit to educate people on the truths behind cannabis prohibition and the current state of cannabis prohibition. The current state of cannabais prohibition looks like fines and penalty's and felony's...

this plant was placed on the controlled substance act in the 1970's (1900's cannabis was in every hospital) because of racism and the want to target people under a fake pretense... to "pin heroin on the blacks and marijuana on the hippies to disrupt thwre communities -because we knew we can't criminalize them for being anti war or black". John Erlachman, a Nixon stragisist. - study this please. I'm open to help. Pls let me help make a education department relating to cannabis. Truths of cannabis/hemp because these can help save the planet and the people, growing hemp in the cane feilds woukd leech out poisons. And make us rope, oil, wood , hempcrete which is fireproof and more!

we should pay special attention to this with this recent uptick in laws disappearing and environmental standards going down the drain, time for us to pick up the slack.

Mahalo for your time and let's get real and educated about the harms that the government placed on the people with the vilifying of cannabis. Are you ready? I am, I'm ready for education of this to be for everyone...

Carie Lunsford

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 8:22:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Elwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose **SB1064**. The state needs to provide a **proper** medical program and not leave it in the hands of dispensary cartels in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 8:49:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dolores Martinez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Leave my farm alone. Nobody tells you where to buy your tomatoes or Eggs!!!!

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 8:53:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorraine Martinez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Im against being told where to buy my medication or what to use. More regulation more control by Government is wrong. My meds my choice!!!!

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 9:21:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Me Fuimaono-Poe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will be incredibly hard to enforce and is an absolute waste of resources

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 9:56:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael plumhoff	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

25 Hawaii Medical Cannabis Act

SUMMARY: Drafted through the LRB in 2024, the legislation builds upon the existing medical cannabis and dispensary program to improve patient access, reduce the black market, and provide equitable opportunities for small farms and businesses. Provides a slow and thoughtful approach to an expanded, regulated cannabis industry before moving toward legalization. Maine

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Expands the medical cannabis program to allow island-wide access to medical cardholders.
- Expands the medical cannabis program to allow unlimited licensing—with strict size regulations—resulting in buy-in from small, community-based businesses and local cultivators, significantly reducing the black market.
- Forms a regulatory system to allow cultivation, wholesaling, and delivery.
- Provides an affordable avenue for people with little means to start a cultivation farm business.
- Allows reciprocity for out-of-state medical patients.
- Provides a non-law enforcement inspection framework that enables the program to operate efficiently and has a low start-up cost for the state to initiate the program.
- Provide limits and rules for the size of the business, preventing large business monopolies.
- Provides comprehensive farming practice regulations that offer responsible stewardship for the land and farming practices such as Korean Natural Farming
- Provides clear compliance guidance related to product testing and removes unnecessary regulations.
- Builds a tax structure that allows state auditors to oversee cannabis businesses to ensure compliance with the regulatory framework and prevent diversion.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 11:01:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert C. Anderson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It doesn't consider the need's of medical patients and legacy farmers.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 11:07:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abir Amirdash	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

I am writing to provide my testimony in opposition to SB 1064 SD1, as I believe it adopts a punitive approach rather than a compassionate one.

Rather than penalizing local communities and individuals, we should be focusing on ways to legitimize businesses that provide cannabis-related services in a responsible and legal manner. This bill, in its current form, does not effectively address the root causes of illegal cannabis and hemp-derived cannabinoids entering our market. Instead of creating further barriers for local businesses, the focus should be on preventing the illegal flow of cannabis from other states and from illicit sources into our communities.

A more compassionate approach would involve creating a system where local farmers and businesses can become legitimate players in the industry, which would also help provide more access to patients in need. The current reliance on dispensaries, which are often financially inaccessible to many, highlights the urgent need for a system that supports local producers and ensures affordable access to cannabis for medicinal use.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this bill and focus on building bridges with local businesses, rather than pushing them further into the shadows. A compassionate and regulatory framework would create more opportunities for patients, reduce reliance on illegal products, and support our local economy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Abir Amirdash, APRN

Pakaloha Care Clinic

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 12:07:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Tabios	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I firmly believe that this bill is not what the cannabis community wants. A lot of people are already struggling trying to make ends meet living on this island. The next thing the people need is to spend money on a license that is unaffordable to many. I would like to support a bill that would make all sides of the industry satisfied; equal and affordable. To establish criminal penalties is not the way to go either. Medical Cannabis should be easily accessible to all (those that make the conscious decision to partake) that find cannabis positively impacting one's quality of life. I also believe that people should decide where and who they want to get their medicines from. They probably like the way that person grows their medicine. Nobody should be penalized for improving one's quality of life. I may not know much about cannabis but it is something that I would love to learn more about, cultivate my own, sharing what I grew with others, and supporting the long time legacy HAWAII Cannabis farmers who have built the foundation for the community.

I would recommend checking out the "Hawaii Medical Cannabis Act". Hb602, moving forward.

I hope you take this testimony into consideration.

Mahalo,

Justin

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 12:08:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Asuncion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 1:17:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alika Bee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1064.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2025 1:49:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Hofheimer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposing thank you

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2025 8:18:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pat Fondren	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern

I strongly OPPOSE Sb 1064

This bill does not reflect the will of the people and only serves the corporate and political objectives of the elite and politically motivated .

It does nothing for medical patients , puts unnecessary pressure on law enforcement and our judiciary. Risks our youth to over exposure to cannabis related issues.

Does nothing to address ecological sustainability or to Malama Aina .

It will turn weed more into a gateway drug for our community by increasing the black market trade .

Do not pass this bill

Mahalo

patrick fondren

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Submitted on: 2/25/2025 7:48:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Simmons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and thanks for your time.

I strongly oppose the language in this proposal.

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2025 9:35:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jason hanley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators.

I oppose this bill. Medical cannabis patients have fought to have their voice heard. Myself, I have brought DOH, Law enforcement, and even Josh Green to my farm to expose the need for medical patients to receive medicine outside of dispensaries. This bill aims to criminally prosecute anybody trying to help medical patients get medicine. As you know by now the recreational bills being constructed have failed and any medical bills to better the system, providing clarity in regard to monetary exchange between the grower and the patient, have been abusively ignored by the DOH and Rep. Belatti, who has led the medical system over the last 7 years. Please go back to the table and take a look at a full medical bill, which I have provided to the legislation. HB602, SB1595. This bill would solve the problem we see before us by providing clear guidance and licensing for those people working outside of the dispensary system. Please ask DOH for evidence or data that the products on the market sold by unlicensed cannabis growers is unsafe. This evidence is not here. There has never been a cannabis product collected by the DOH, that the citizens are aware of, that has not passed testing. It's a false narrative to scare the public and force people into dispensaries. Many people both local growers and mainland importers, can provide testing data. It's that simple. The medical patients are on the ground and absolutely know if their products could possibly be tainted. They know their growers and supplier and have built relationships and trust for years and share information with new patients. If the DOH really wanted to they could do random sample businesses to also deal with testing. By imposing criminal penalties on the cannabis people of Hawaii, the state clearly has no interest in standing up a better medical program with fair access of cannabis to all. They must have access to cannabis from outside the dispensary without fearing criminal charges.

Thank you.

Jason Hanley, President . Oahu Cannabis Fram Alliance

Owner. Care Waialua

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2025 9:43:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chrissie Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear elected officials,

I strongly oppose this bill. Efforts to change laws pertaining to cannabis should be focused on reducing penalties, expanding the medical dispensary licensing framework horizontally and planning an adult use system that benefits the people. We need a lot less overregulation. The Hawaii government continues to hold an antiquated perspective on cannabis that promotes further stigma, prevents economic prosperity and abandons patients waiting for the medical system they were promised (diverse and expanding).

Sincerely,

Chrissie Brown

SB-1064-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2025 10:04:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2025 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kai Luke	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In opposition of SB1064 SD1 due to criminalization.

Please see United States Patent #US6630507B1 "Cannabinoids as Antioxidants and Neuroprotectants" filed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Our Community deserves better access without the criminalization of Cannabis.